

Articles for the May issue of *The Tide* are due. Please email your information to office@aptosumc.org.

Aptos UMC provides sack lunches for Habitat for Humanity on the 5th Tuesday of every month. The next date to provide lunches is April 30. Donations of sandwiches, chips, cookies, fruit, and small boxed juices are needed. Donations need to be at Aptos UMC by 11 AM on the 30th. We assemble the lunches at 11:15 AM and then they are driven to the site by 11:45 AM. If you are interested in providing donations or delivering the sack lunches, please contact Joyce Rodgers.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Joyce Rodgers

Our **Ushers:** Margie Jurach, Bob Grimes

Our **Tech Team:** Carolyn Collins, Roger Swenson

Our **Coffee Volunteers:** Debbie and Marty Mason

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Mike and Marion Proffitt

This Week:

Monday, 4/22: **Earth Day**, PACT 10 AM

Tuesday, 4/23: **Alive Now** 10 AM

Wednesday, 4/24: **Upper Room Group** 7 PM

Thursday, 4/25: **Senior Stretch** 9:30 AM

Friday, 4/26: **Scott Group** 10 AM

Coming Up:

Tuesday, 4/30: **Habitat sack lunch prep** 11:15 AM

Wednesday, 5/1: **Village Santa Cruz** 1 PM

You are invited to join our Prayer Team. The Prayer Team receives a weekly email with prayer requests. To join the Prayer Team or submit a prayer request, contact the church office.

Online giving is available. Go to aptosumc.org and click on the 'GIVE NOW' button, or scan this code using your smartphone.



APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 21, 2024 ~ 10 AM Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Aptos UMC is an inclusive community that welcomes and encourages full participation of ALL PERSONS, regardless of race, culture, age, economic circumstance, sexual orientation, gender identity, or physical/mental abilities. We affirm our denomination's motto, "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"



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Order of Worship

Call to Worship

How shall we live when we have more than enough?

We have no greater praise to offer than caring for your creatures and Creation.

The earth is our teacher –

nurturing and tender.

In this hour, O God, nourish us in the soil of your love.

Let us worship God, the Ground of all Being.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Living Word,

whose love abides in us,

You call us to love

in truth and action.

**Give courage to our hearts
so we may love your beloveds.**

**Open our ears to the wisdom
of those you send,
who might otherwise be dismissed.
Transform our charity into justice
over all the earth. Amen.**

On Screen

Announcements

Hymn #2226

“Bind Us Together”

Children’s Time

Earth Day Planting

Earth Day Blessing

Earth Day Song #707

“Hymn of Promise”

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read, and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture

1 John 3:16-24 NRSVue

Sermon

“We Abide in Christ”

Pastor Gabe

Hymn #408

“The Gift of Love”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Shepherd God, you are the Lord of the mountain and shepherd of the living Stream. Your flocks are herds of gazelle, schools of fish, and us, your people. Creator, in your design, you gather us together with all of your creation, and we are brought close to you. Yet we have darkened the valley. We have polluted your earth. Forgive us for the destruction of your holy places. Listen to our prayers, as we raise our hopes in you. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology #94 **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn #2223 **“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”**

Benediction

1 John 3:16-24 NRSVue

¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸ Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.