

The Tide Is In! Paper copies of our September newsletter are available today. The latest edition is always available at aptosumc.org.

It's the first Sunday of the month and that means **Equal Exchange Fair Trade coffee and chocolate** are available for purchase today in the Fellowship Hall.

Aptos UMC sends out a weekly email blast on Saturdays. If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact the office at aptosumc.org and we will email you a sign up form.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Ruth Landmann

Our **Usher:** Tammy Philbin

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

Our **Coffee Volunteers:** Kate Sutherland, Rachel Lather

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Teresa Fehr

This Week:

Monday, 9/2: **Labor Day - Office Closed**

Tuesday, 9/3: Alive Now 10 AM, Trustees 6:30 PM

Wednesday, 9/4: Village Santa Cruz 1 PM, Finance 5:15 PM

Thursday, 9/5: Senior Stretch 9:30 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Friday, 9/6: Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Monday, 9/9: PACT 10 AM

Sunday, 9/15: Potluck Harvest Pizza Party 11:15 AM

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.

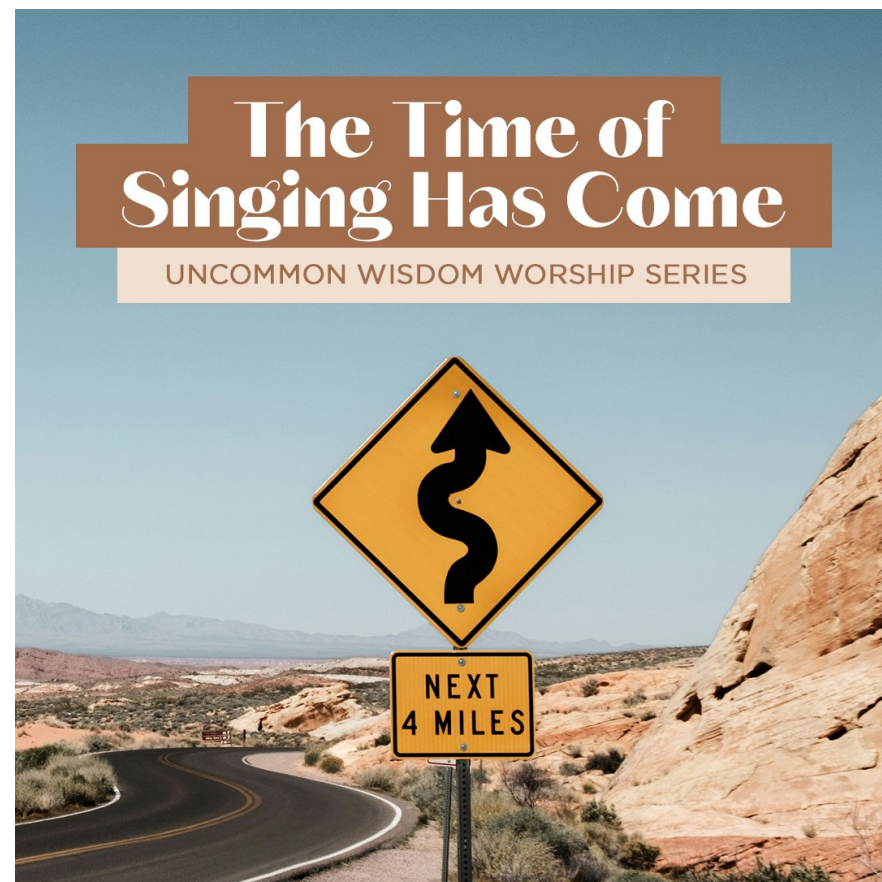


APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 1, 2024 ~ 10 AM Worship

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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"



The Time of Singing Has Come

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Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

Welcome, Beloved of God! For truly, you are deeply, wonderfully, beautifully loved by the God of all creation!

Come, let us worship God who loves us!

Whether your week was filled with mountain-high joys or valley-low sorrows, peace like a gently flowing river, or stress like a stormy gale, this is the time to rise and come away to worship God who sustains and tends to you.

Come, let us worship God who loves us and tends to us!

In a world that pulls us this way and that, God's love is our True North, guiding us with an uncommon wisdom through all that life brings us.

Come, let us worship God who loves us and guides us!

Beloved, the time for singing has come, because God's love, care, and wisdom sustain and guide us wherever we go.

Come, let us worship and sing to the God who loves, tends, guides, and sustains us! Amen!

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Creating God, you are the source of nature's splendor— the beauty and fragrance of delicate flowers, and sweet sound of birdsong. We come to you this morning with delight and gladness, grateful for all of your wonders. As the fields produce their harvest, may your love grow within us, that we too may produce a harvest of love, hope, and joy. Amen.

Announcements

Hymn #408

“The Gift of Love”

Children's Time

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 Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Sermon “The Time of Singing Has Come” Pastor Gabe

Hymn #347

“Spirit Song”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Holy God, we have not led a blameless life. We have not spoken the truth that you have sealed in our hearts. We have not been faithful stewards of that with which we have been blessed. Redeeming God, save us. Guide us to your wisdom. Gather us in your righteousness and redemption. Cleanse us of our brokenness that we might do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Offering

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right... ..with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you... ..as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here... ..now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Closing Hymn #2068

“I Love You, Lord”

Benediction

Postlude

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 NRSVue

⁸ The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.

¹⁰ My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away,

¹¹ for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

¹² The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

¹³ The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.