

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.

**Giving Statements** are available for pick up after worship today.

**Thanks Today to:**

Our **Liturgist:** Jeff Favorite

Our **Usher:** Tammy Philbin

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

Our **Coffee Volunteers:** Vicki Cull & Mackenzie Keller

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Boyd Brown

**This Week:**

Tuesday, 8/6: Alive Now 10 AM

Wednesday, 8/7: Village Santa Cruz 1 PM

Thursday, 8/8: Senior Stretch 9 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Friday, 8/9: Scott Group 10 AM

**Coming Up:**

Monday, 8/12: PACT 10 AM


Saturday, 8/17: Hiroshi Goto Memorial Service 10 AM

Saturday, 8/24: Red Cross Blood Drive 9 AM - 2 PM

~ *In Our Prayers This Week* ~


*Connie Moore and the family and friends of Bill Moore  
on his death on July 31.*

**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](https://aptosumc.org) and click on the 'GIVE NOW' button, or scan this code using your smartphone. 

**We are hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, August 24.**

Please help spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors. Details about giving blood and our volunteer needs can be found in the August Tide, our Saturday email blast, and at [aptosumc.org](https://aptosumc.org).

To schedule your blood donation, scan this QR code using your smartphone. 



**Help save lives. Give blood.**

# APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**August 4, 2024 ~ 10 AM Worship**

**Eleventh 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"*



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## *Order of Worship*

### *Gathering Music*

#### *Call to Worship*

Family of God, what is our story?

**We are part of God's good creation, created and sustained by the Triune God.**

Family of God, what is our story?

**Though created by our loving God, we have sinned and harmed ourselves, one another, and creation.**

Family of God, what is our story?

**While we were yet sinners, God sent Jesus to show us how to turn away from sin and toward the love of God.**

Family of God, what is our story?

**We carry the weight of the Word in our hearts, our hands, and our voices, proclaiming with our lives the good news of God's love and the mercy of God's grace.**

Family of God, this is our story and our song!

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### *Prelude*

#### *Opening Prayer*

**One body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all, take this patchwork collection of persons and quilt together your church. Like old pieces of cloth, take these words and songs and prayers, take our thoughts and inner hungers, and join them all together into a new and living fabric—the purpose of which is to cover and color your world (or at least our corner of it) with grace and love. In Christ. Amen.**

### *Announcements*

*Hymn #357 (v1,3,5)*                      **“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”**

### *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*                      2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a

*Sermon*                      “The Weight of the Word”                      Pastor Gabe

*Hymn #2152*                      **“Change My Heart, O God”**

### *Prayers of the People*

#### *Confession and Pardon*

**Continue, O Lord, to extend your grace and mercy to us, your unworthy servants. We have failed you because you depended on us to be your witnesses, but we were too embarrassed to testify about your faithfulness. We were too busy to speak a word in your name. We are neither anxious nor ready to sit and reflect deeply on Holy Scriptures. Good Lord, extend your grace and mercy as we ask your forgiveness. In order to receive your forgiveness, we know that we need to forgive everyone who has offended us. Help us to hold nothing against anyone, for that may jeopardize our gift of forgiveness from you. Set us free to live fully in you, and to love all unreservedly. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. 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 #2027*                      **“Now Praise the Hidden God of Love”**

#### *Benediction*

#### *Postlude*

## 2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a NRSVue

<sup>26</sup> When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. <sup>27</sup> When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, <sup>1</sup> and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had very many flocks and herds, <sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup> Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." <sup>5</sup> Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; <sup>6</sup> he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity."

<sup>7</sup> Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; <sup>8</sup> I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah, and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. <sup>9</sup> Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup> Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. <sup>11</sup> Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house, and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in broad daylight. <sup>12</sup> For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and in broad daylight." <sup>13</sup> David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."