

**The Upper Room Group is not meeting this week.**

**Worship Assistant** sign ups (usher, liturgist, coffee volunteer, altar flowers) for September are available in the Fellowship Hall.

Copies of the September/October edition of **The Upper Room** devotional are available today and in the office.

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 [office@aptosumc.org](mailto:office@aptosumc.org).

**Thanks Today to:**

Our **Liturgist:** Joyce Rodgers

Our **Usher:** Boyd Brown

Our **Tech Team:** Carolyn Collins

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

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Debbie and Marty Mason

**This Week:**

Monday, 8/25: PACT 10 AM

Tuesday, 8/26: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group *cancelled*

Thursday, 8/28: Senior Stretch 9:30 AM

Friday, 8/29: Scott Group 10 AM

**Coming Up:**

Monday, 9/1: **Labor Day**, Office Closed

Wednesday, 9/3: Village Santa Cruz 1 PM, Finance 5:15 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](http://aptosumc.org) and click on the 'GIVE NOW' button, or scan this code using your smartphone.



# APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**August 24, 2025 ~ 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*

Children of God, we gather today to encounter God.

**We do not come expecting to be terrified or dismayed but to be welcomed and embraced.**

We gather today to witness the gospel at work among us.

**We come to join the assembly of the kingdom of God, to learn to live out God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.**

We gather today to declare our faith in God's unshakeable kingdom.

**We come with grateful hearts, trusting in the secure foundation of God's steadfast love at work among us. Thanks be to God!**

### *Prelude*

#### *Opening Prayer*

**Leading God, lead us through the dark valleys. Lead us through troublesome times. Lead us to our home with you. Teach us to listen to your voice that we may hear the cry of the needy and respond. Teach us to love, that we may offer care that brings others to you for healing. Teach us to lead with your vision, that we lead others home in you. Amen.**

### *Announcements*

*Opening Hymn #103*      **"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

### *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*

Hebrews 12:18-29

### *Sermon*

"Cannot Be Shaken"

Pastor Gabe

### *Hymn #2040*

**"Awesome God"**

### *Prayers of the People*

#### *Confession and Pardon*

**Almighty God, you have set before us the path. But too often, we think we have figured it all out and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far. Remind us, parental God, that we are always your children, that we are never fully grown up in your sight, that we always have much to learn. Help us to seek you every day, to acknowledge that we need your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with you. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.**

### *Passing of the Peace*

### *Offering*

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

### *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

### *The Lord's Prayer*

*Closing Hymn #2140 (v1,3,5)*      **"Since Jesus Came into My Heart"**

### *Benediction*

### *Postlude*

## Hebrews 12:18-29 NRSVue

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only

the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.