Book Club meets this Wednesday at 1:30 PM in the Youth Room. This month's book is *Kin* by Tayari Jones.

Garden Paver Stone order forms are available in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Need help with ordering? Contact Dick Wood or the office.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Marion Proffitt

Our **Usher**: Peggy Kaysen

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

Our **Coffee Volunteers:** Helene Milner and Boyd Brown

Our **Altar Flowers**: Given by Jillian Holmberg

Special thanks to the **Men's Trio** (*Dick Wood, Bill Fennell, Pastor Gabe*) for sharing their talents with us today!

This Week:

Monday, 11/16:	PACT 10 AM
Tuesday, 11/17:	Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM
Wednesday, 11/18:	Book Club 1:30 PM
Friday, 11/20:	**Deadline for the December/January Tide**, Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Thursday, 11/26:	Thanksgiving Day
Sunday, 11/29:	First Sunday of Advent
Saturday 12/5:	Annual Charge Conference 11:30 AM

Aptos UMC sends out a weekly email blast on Saturdays. If you would like to be added to the email list, contact the office at office@aptosumc.org. *If you've given us your email address and aren't receiving the emails, please check your junk or spam folder.*

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

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.

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November 15, 2026 ~ 10 AM Worship

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



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Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call To Worship
Family of God, whom do you serve?
We serve God, who calls us to love our neighbors, tend creation, and care for the least of these.
Family of God, in a world that values productivity and profit, whom do you serve?
We serve God, who calls us to value equity, justice, and sabbath for all.
Family of God, in a world that privileges power over others instead of power shared with our neighbors, whom do you serve?
We serve God, who calls us to privilege the agency and flourishing of ourselves, our neighbors, and all creation.
Family of God, we gather here to grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation. Let us now enter the joy of serving God, who is Love.
We gather to worship God and work for God's purposes until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Prelude

Opening Prayer
God, our kind and loving Parent, you no longer call us servants but friends. There is so much you have entrusted to us, even the future of your kingdom of justice and love. Give us the grace to work out with you the growth of mercy and goodness in this world, to be united with all Christians and with all who seek you with a sincere heart in bringing reconciliation and joy to everyone. Let us go together the way to you, our living and loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn **#428** **"For the Healing of the Nations"**

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 Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon "Enter the Joy" Pastor Gabe

Hymn **#2175** **"Together We Serve"**

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon
Lord of mercy and justice, you have given us so many talents and gifts to be used in your world. You have given us these gifts because you trust us to use them well — and you will be with us in all our work. But we disappoint you when we denigrate the value of the talents or become so fearful of failure that we don't believe that we are capable of helping in this world. Lord, forgive us. Help us to trust in the gifts you have given to us and to trust in your guidance in using them. Forgive us when we are fearful, stubborn, apathetic, indifferent to the needs around us. Give us hearts for serving you all our days. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Special Music "*Homeward Bound*" Men's Trio
words and music by Marta Keen, arr. by Jay Althouse

Offering

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn **#2153** **"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"**

Benediction

Postlude

Matthew 25:14-30 NRSVue

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to
them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two,
to another one, to each according to his ability.
Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had
received the five talents went off and traded with
them and made five more talents. 17 In the same
way, the one who had the two talents made two
more talents. 18 But the one who had received the
one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground
and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the
master of those slaves came and settled accounts
with them. 20 Then the one who had received the
five talents came forward, bringing five more
talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five
talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His
master said to him, 'Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a
few things; I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one
with the two talents also came forward, saying,
'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I
have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to
him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you
have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you
in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your
master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one
talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew
that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did
not sow and gathering where you did not scatter,
25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in
the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his
master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You
knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and
gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to
have invested my money with the bankers, and on
my return I would have received what was my own
with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and
give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all
those who have, more will be given, and they will
have an abundance, but from those who have
nothing, even what they have will be taken away.
30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the
outer darkness, where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.'