

APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 8, 2026 ~ 10 AM Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

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"

Order your Easter flowers today! This year we will be ordering orchids to beautify our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Suggested donation is \$10 each and you can take your orchid home after Easter worship. Sign up in honor or memory of a loved one. We will include this list in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Rachél Lather

Our **Usher:** Tammy Philbin

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

Our **Coffee Volunteer:** Jeanne Grimes

No Altar Flowers during Lent

This Week:

Monday, 3/9: PACT 10 AM

Tuesday, 3/10: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Friday, 3/13: Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Sunday, 3/15: **UMCOR Sunday**

Wednesday, 3/18: Book Club 1:30 PM (*Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi)

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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Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call To Worship

Come, let us worship God!

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Come, let us worship our Shepherd!

We are the sheep of God's pasture, and we follow where God leads us.

Come, let us open our hearts!

We receive God's love poured into our hearts through the Spirit.

Come, let us worship God, the rock of our salvation!

Let us worship God, whose mercy guides and sustains us on the path of new life!

Prelude

Opening Prayer

O God, your glory is always to have mercy. Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn #2270 **"He Has Made Me Glad"**

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

Psalm 95

Sermon

"Companion for the Journey" Pastor Gabe

Hymn #77

"How Great Thou Art"

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Eternal God, from the beginning of time, you have called your children into communion with you. Yet we confess that like all the rest, we have turned to our own way and refused your love and grace. Restore us to the joy of knowing you and of recognizing your reign among us, through Jesus Christ, bringer of your good news. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology #64 (v1) **"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn #140

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Benediction

Postlude

Psalm 95 NRSVue

- ¹ O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our
salvation!
- ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of
praise!
- ³ For the LORD is a great God
and a great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
- ⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- ⁷ For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
- O that today you would listen to his voice!
- ⁸ Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
- ⁹ when your ancestors tested me
and put me to the proof, though they had seen
my work.
- ¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, "They are a people whose hearts go
astray,
and they do not regard my ways."
- ¹¹ Therefore in my anger I swore,
"They shall not enter my rest."