

APTOS

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 4, 2026 ~ 10 AM Worship

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Today is World Communion Sunday. We remember our oneness in Christ and invest in leaders for tomorrow. Your offering helps fund scholarships for racial-ethnic minority students and international scholars, as well as inclusion training across the church.

The Tide is in! Copies of the October 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.

Worship Assistant signups (usher, liturgist, coffee volunteer, altar flowers) for October are available today.

We will once again be putting together a slideshow for All Saints Sunday on November 1. See the October Tide or weekly email blast for more details. The deadline for emailing your photo to the office is **October 15**.

A **Celebration of Life for Marcia Burns** will be held Saturday, October 10 at 10 AM at Corralitos Community Church, 26 Browns Valley Road, Corralitos. All who knew and loved Marcia are welcome.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Jean Williams

Our **Usher:** Lee MacDonell

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

Our **Coffee Volunteer:** Kathleen Hoaglund

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Keri Swenson

This Week:

Monday, 10/5: PACT 10 AM

Tuesday, 10/6: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Wednesday, 10/7: Village Santa Cruz 1 PM

Friday, 10/9: Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Monday, 10/12: **Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day, Office Closed**

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.

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call To Worship

Almighty God; from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ's holy table.

We come to feast together.

Have mercy on your church, troubled and divided.

Renew us and make us one. Amen.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

O God, we join with our sisters and brothers around the world in remembering Christ's sacrifice for us.

For the opportunity to eat and drink together and for the life we have received, we give you thanks and praise.

In the abundance of your many gifts, grant us grace to fill one another's lives with love.

Redeem, restore, and remold us until we are made new.

Transform our daily bread into the bread of life, and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn #613 **“O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread”**

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 Philippians 3:4b-14

Sermon “The Heavenly Call” Pastor Gabe

Hymn #641 **“Fill My Cup, Lord”**

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

O God, the Giver of life, we pray for the Church throughout the world.

Sanctify its life, renew its worship, empower its witness, restore its unity.

Remove from your people all pride and every prejudice that dulls their will for unity.

Strengthen the work of all those who strive to seek that common obedience that will bind us together.

Heal the divisions which separate your children from one another, that they may keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Stewardship Campaign Introduction

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 #620

“One Bread, One Body”

Benediction

Postlude

Philippians 3:4b-14 NRSVue

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me.

¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of:

forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.