

Today is United Methodist Student Day

Through this special offering, many United Methodist Students will receive scholarships to help cover their college expenses. Our gifts are a way to encourage our students during their college years.

Christmas Wreaths

You are invited to contribute \$5 in honor or memory of a loved one to the Christmas wreaths that will adorn our Sanctuary this holiday season. Sign up at worship today or contact the office. The list of honorees will be published in a bulletin insert.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Joyce Rodgers

Our **Ushers:** Margie Jurach, Tammy Philbin

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

Our **Coffee Volunteers:** Diane McElroy, Pat Files

Special thanks to the **Aptos UMC Choir** (*Dick Wood, Bill Fennell, Laurel Blaney, Jana Daley, Helene Milner, Jillian Holmberg, Lee MacDonell, Ruth Landmann, Peggy Kaysen, Gabe House, under the direction of Daniel Goldsmith*) for our Special Music today!

This Week:

Tuesday, 11/29: Alive Now 10 AM

Wednesday, 11/30: Upper Room Group 7 PM

Thursday, 12/1: Senior Stretch 11 AM, Bell Choir
Rehearsal 3 PM

Friday, 12/2: Scott Group 10 AM

Sunday, 12/4: **Second Sunday of Advent**, Worship 10 AM,
Blaney Group 11:15 AM

Coming Up:

Monday, 12/5: PACT 10 AM

Wednesday, 12/7: Village Santa Cruz County 1:30 PM

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

Creating an account online is not necessary unless you would like to set up a recurring payment or if you would like to save your payment information for future contributions.



~ *In Our Prayers This Week* ~

Amy and Greg Sousa on the death of Amy's mother, Lillian Loomis, on November 2.

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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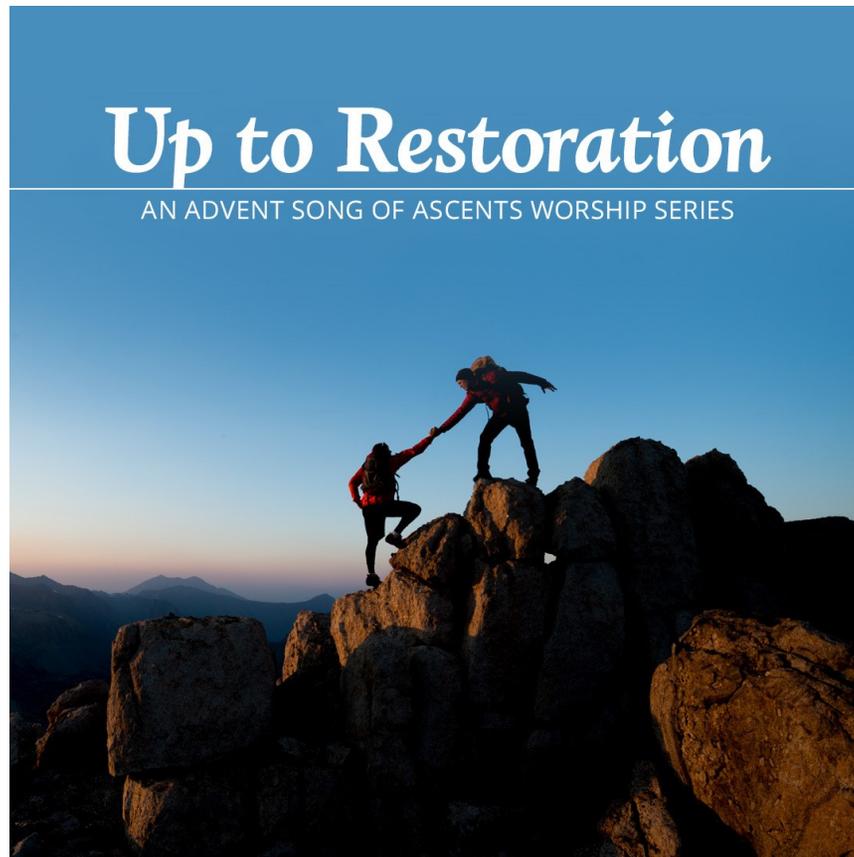
November 27, 2022 ~ 10 AM Worship

First Sunday of Advent

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"

Up to Restoration

AN ADVENT SONG OF ASCENTS WORSHIP SERIES



Gabe House, Pastor

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Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains

and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

Reader One: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1 NRSV)

Reader Two: We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

Reader One: "Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in Gods paths'" (Isaiah 2:3 NRSV).

Reader Two: We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.

Light the first candle on the Advent wreath.