

APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 13, 2025 ~ 10 AM Worship

Palm Sunday

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"

Today is the last opportunity to purchase Easter flowers. This year we will be buying flowers and plants to decorate the Sanctuary that will then be donated to the Garden Group to be planted on campus. Please sign up on the clipboard that is being passed around today. On Easter morning we will publish a list of names with those that are being remembered and honored. Online giving is available at aptosumc.org or by scanning the QR code below.

Book Club meets this Wednesday at 1:30 PM in the Youth Room. This month's book is *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. Anyone is welcome to attend.

All are invited to our Good Friday Worship Service. Please join us on April 18 at 12 PM Noon in our Sanctuary. This service will not be livestreamed.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Rachél Lather

Our **Ushers:** Margie Jurach, Pat Files

Our **Tech Team:** Carolyn Collins, Peggy Kaysen

Our **Coffee Volunteers:** Mollie McGuire and Tamer Abbas

No altar flowers during Lent.

This Week:

Tuesday, 4/15: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Wednesday, 4/16: Book Club 1:30 PM

Thursday, 4/17: Senior Stretch 9:30 AM

Friday, 4/18: **Tide Deadline**, Scott Group 10 AM, **Good Friday Service 12 PM Noon**

Coming Up:

Sunday, 4/20: **Easter Sunday Worship 10 AM**

Please bring a cut flower from home on Easter to help fill our flowering Easter cross.

Monday, 4/21: PACT 10 AM

Tuesday, 4/22: Earth Day

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 and click on the 'GIVE NOW' button, or scan this code using your smartphone.



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Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call To Worship

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, on this day your son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. 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

Luke 19:28-40

Sermon

“Open the Gates”

Pastor Gabe

Hymn #279

“Filled with Excitement”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn #657

“This Is the Day”

Benediction

Postlude

Luke 19:28-40 NRSVue

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"
" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."