All are invited to our potluck lunch after worship today! Please join us in celebrating another year together.

UMCOR Coffee Project
It’s the first Sunday of the month. Equal Exchange Fair Trade coffee and chocolate are available for purchase today in the Fellowship Hall.

Thanks Today to:
Our Liturgist: Susan Weeks
Our Usher: Peggy Kaysen
Our Tech Team: Carolyn Collins, Roger Swenson
Our Altar Flowers: Given by Debbie & Marty Mason
Special thanks to the Aptos UMC Mixed Quartet (Helene Milner, Peggy Kaysen, Bill Fennell, Dick Wood) for sharing their talents today!

This Week:
Monday-Friday: Summer Music Camp for Kids 5-7 PM
Tuesday, 8/8: Alive Now 10 AM
Wednesday, 8/9: Holiday Boutique Planning Meeting 11 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM
Thursday, 8/10: Senior Stretch 11 AM
Friday, 8/11: Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:
Monday, 8/14: PACT 10 AM
Wednesday 8/16: Book Club 1:30 PM (The Salt Path by Raynor Winn)

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

APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
August 6, 2023 ~ 10 AM Worship
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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 of Worship**

Gathering Music

Call to Worship
You have come from afar and waited long and are wearied.
Let us sit side by side,
sharing the same bread drawn from the same source
to quiet the same hunger that makes us weak.
Then standing together let us share the same spirit,
the same thoughts that once again draw us together in friendship and
unity and peace.

Prelude

Opening Prayer
Our heavenly Father, we your humble children invoke your blessing
on us. We adore you, whose name is love, whose nature is
compassion, whose presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose
Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace,
whose service is perfect freedom, and in knowledge of whom stands
our eternal life. Unto you be all honor and all glory; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Hymn
#599
"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Passing of the Peace

Special Music
Mixed Quartet
"What You Gonna Preach?"
by Pepper Choplin

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 14:13-21 NRSVue

Sermon
"Wrestling with Our Hunger" Pastor Gabe

Hymn #2269
"Come, Share the Lord"

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon
O God, source of all that makes life possible, giver of all that makes
life good: We gather to give you our thanks, yet we confess that we
have often failed to live our thankfulness. What we have we take for
granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered
your bounty, with little thought of those who will come after us. We
are more troubled by the few who have more than by the many who
have less. Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our
thanksgiving; and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of
life; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication

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
Matthew 14:13-21  NRSVue

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” 16 Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” 17 They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” 18 And he said, “Bring them here to me.” 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.