

APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 23, 2025 ~ 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"

Articles for the April issue of *The Tide* are due. Please email your information to office@aptosumc.org

Aptos UMC sends out a weekly email blast on Saturdays. If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact the office at office@aptosumc.org and we will email you a sign up form.

Thanks Today to:

Our Liturgist: Sheila Vaughn

Our Usher: Margie Jurach

Our Tech Team: Carolyn Collins, Roger Swenson

Our Coffee Volunteers: Debbie and Marty Mason

This Week:

Monday, 3/24: PACT 10 AM

Tuesday, 3/25: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Thursday, 3/27: Senior Stretch 9:30 AM

Friday, 3/28: Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Sunday, 3/30: UMCOR Sunday

Wednesday, 4/2: Village Santa Cruz 1 PM

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.



*Please plan to join us after worship today
for a special coffee hour
in honor of Clyde and Sheila Vaughn,
as we wish them well on their new adventure.*

Gabe House, Pastor
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Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call To Worship

When I was a child
I thought as a child.
When I was a child
I acted as a child.
When I was a child
I trusted as a child.
When I was a child
I hoped as a child.
When I was a child
I loved as a child.
When I grow up
I want to continue to hope, trust, love, and enjoy life with the same joy I had as a child.
These are God's Gifts!
Thanks be to God!

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Wise, nurturing, and welcoming God, thank you for inviting us into new understandings of your love and for lifting and holding us together in this holy space. As we gather today, we rejoice in the ways that your children are connected through your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn #2092

“Like a Child”

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

Mark 10:13-16

Sermon

“I Don't Wanna Grow Up” Rev. Clyde Vaughn

Hymn #273

“Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. Have mercy on us. Transform us into servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

An Order of Farewell to Church Members: Rev. Clyde & Sheila Vaughn

Congregational Response

We feel sorrow in your leaving, yet we rejoice with you in anticipation of this new phase of your life. We will miss your love and support, yet we know you will add much to the lives of those who will be your new church family, as you have added much to our lives. We will pray for you and for the whole family of God.

Offering

Doxology #94 **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn #383 (v1,2,3,4)

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

Benediction

Postlude

Mark 10:13-16 NRSVue

¹³ People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.