

APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 19, 2025 ~ 10 AM Worship

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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 Human Relations Day. We honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy by recognizing his vision of "the beloved community". Your generosity supports ministries of advocacy and community engagement:

57% funds the community developer's program
33% funds United Methodist Voluntary Services
10% funds rehabilitation programs

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

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Ruth Landmann

Our **Usher:** Rachél Lather

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

Our **Coffee Volunteers:** Keri Swenson, Carol Williamson

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Beth Hinton

The **Aptos UMC Mixed Quartet** (*Helene Milner, Peggy Kaysen, Bill Fennell, Dick Wood*) for our Special Music today!

This Week:

Monday, 1/20: **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Office Closed**

Tuesday, 1/21: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Thursday, 1/23: Senior Stretch 9:30 AM

Friday, 1/24: Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Monday, 1/27: PACT 10 AM

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.



What Concern is That?

WHERE YOU ARE: EMBRACING THE FAMILIAR

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Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call To Worship

Be still for a moment. What do you hear? What do you smell? What do you feel under your feet? Beloved, God is here.

In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.

Take a moment to look around. Whom do you notice? Who isn't here that you expected to see? Whether this community feels brand new or familiar to you, God is here.

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Take a deep breath. We share this air, this space, this worship home together. In our breathing and worshiping in this time and place, God is here.

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God *is* here. May we pay attention and discern how God brings us together in the familiar and the unfamiliar to be and become the Body of Christ.

May we notice and join in God's work of forming us for community as we worship today. Amen.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

God, our God, As you were with the wedding party in Cana of Galilee, be with us here today. The wine of our lives and souls has run out. Fill this place with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Fill the water pots of our souls this day with new and fresh wine from your wine cellar. The wine of yesterday is gone; it is stale; it is old. Today, God, send your anointing power in this place and in the lives of your people that we may find strength to hold on and hold out. Help us to know that the best wine is yet to come, and we can taste and see your goodness. Show yourself to be powerful, empowering, and awesome this day and for all times to come. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn #558 (v1,2,3,4)

"We Are the Church"

Special Music

"We've Come a Long Way, Lord"

Mixed Quartet
Traditional Liberian Song
arr. John A. Behnke

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

John 2:1-11

Sermon

"What *Concern* is That?"

Pastor Gabe

Hymn #641

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Gracious God, we are tired of the hurts of this world. We are discouraged in the face of injustice, war, poverty, and indifference. Like Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana, we need a miracle today. Show us your glory, that in you we may be moved to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Offering

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn #2237

"As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

Benediction

Postlude

John 2:1-11 NRSVue

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. ⁹ When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.