

# APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 26, 2025 ~ 10 AM Worship

Third 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"*

Next Sunday's special offering supports the work of Missionary Katherine Parker. Our church has been in a covenant with Katherine for the past 11 years, and our goal is to contribute \$1,000 each year. Katherine works for the United Mission to Nepal, a multi-denominational outreach that includes the Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

If you would like to participate in our **Valentine's Day Potluck** on Friday, February 14 please sign up today.

### Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Marion Proffitt

Our **Usher:** Jillian Holmberg

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

Our **Coffee Volunteers:** Jeanne Grimes, Jane Green

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Anne Scott in memory of David

### This Week:

Monday, 1/27: PACT 10 AM

Tuesday, 1/28: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

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

Friday, 1/31: Scott Group 10 AM

### Coming Up:

Sunday, 2/2: **Special Offering for Missionary Katherine Parker**

Wednesday, 2/5: Village Santa Cruz 1 PM

Friday, 2/14: **Valentine's Day Potluck**

~ *In Our Prayers This Week* ~

*Bill, Jana, and David Daley on the death of Bill's father.*

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](http://aptosumc.org) and click on the 'GIVE NOW' button, or scan this code using your smartphone.



**As Was His Custom**

WHERE YOU ARE: EMBRACING THE FAMILIAR

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## *Order of Worship*

### *Gathering Music*

#### *Call To Worship*

Children of God, we gather to worship, to sing and proclaim with joy the good works God is doing in our midst.

**We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

We also gather today to pray for our families, our community, and our world. To name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.

**We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

We, like those in Nazareth, gather to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed among us. To encounter the life-giving message of God's love redeems us to be bearers of love and freedom in this world.

**We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

Children of God, listen. Pay attention. Ready your hearts. God is here. Jesus has come among us. The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst. Are you ready?

**We gather to worship, as is our custom. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### *Prelude*

#### *Opening Prayer*

**We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people. We have gathered, God of grace and wisdom, because we have heard your call. You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ; you have touched us with your Spirit, and we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved. We call upon your holy name: empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### *Announcements*

*Opening Hymn #2236 (v1,2,4)*

**“Gather Us In”**

### *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 4:14-21

*Sermon* “As Was *His* Custom” Pastor Gabe

*Hymn #2172* “We Are Called”

#### *Prayers of the People*

#### *Confession and Pardon*

**God, we do not understand Jesus, the prophet. We do not want to get our hands dirty with the poor, the oppressed, the prisoners. Forgive us for being insulated and isolated. Open our hearts to the poor and help us to love them as you love them, working to bring in the good news of the reign of God. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

#### *Passing of the Peace*

#### *Offering*

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

#### *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

#### *The Lord's Prayer*

*Closing Hymn #2241* “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

#### *Benediction*

#### *Postlude*

## Luke 4:14-21 NRSVue

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the  
captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to set free those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”