



**St. Andrew
Presbyterian Church
of Aptos**

Rev. Anne McAnelly, Pastor
Dr. Don Adkins, Music Director

9850 Monroe Avenue
Aptos CA 95003
Phone 831 688-4211

aptospres@gmail.com

www.aptospresbyterianchurch.org

Worship Bulletin for August 24, 2025

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (responsive) — written by Joan Stott

Healing God, we come together in our brokenness,
to call to you in your mercy, to make us whole again.

Wholeness—giving God, listen to our prayers, we pray.

Restoring God, we gather to worship you, even as
we hopefully seek to be renewed and restored again.

God, our Quiet-Centre, listen to our prayers this day.

Foundational God, we come to praise and thank you!

In the depths of your Holy Being we find peace and rest.

God – our Beginning and our End, we hope always in you. Amen.

***Hymn**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

GtG # 35

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

Prayer of Confession (unison) ~ written by David Alexander

Holy and Merciful God,

We confess to you our forgetfulness.

We confront today our waywardness.

We accept Lord that we are sinful.

To turn to our past is to recall both your great acts of love and kindness...
as well as many moments and situations where we know we failed you.
Even still... your love remains.

And so in humility and brokenness we pray

We ask you to forgive.

We ask Lord that you would heal.

Buy us back, Lord, redeem us from our slavery to ourselves and our own way.

Crown us again with your acceptance and care.

Satisfy the real thirst of our soul.

Renew us with the strength that only you can give.

Reveal yourself to us again as a God of grace...

Rich in mercy, patient with our wandering.

As far as the rising sun is from the setting sun,

remove our sin from us.

In the holy and loving name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, loved and healed.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Special Music

Serenity

Eileen Mihm

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(Those with prayer requests worshipping online, please text Anne the day before so your request can be lifted-831345-6324)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying *(pew song sheet)*

Prayers lifted to God and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn**

O Christ, the Healer

GtG # 793

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.

How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Lord, are our desires, how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths unconscious pride resists or shelves.

In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that there may be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

First Lesson:

Isaiah 58:9-14

OT page #688

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Second Lesson:

Luke 13:10-17

NT page #76

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured

and not on the Sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

Sermon

Set Free from Your Ailment

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Litany of Faith

We are God's work of art—each one of us a precious gem,
a marvelous melody, a potter's delight.

**We are God's handiwork—woven together in love,
shaped with infinite compassion,
painted with incredible beauty.**

We are the church of Jesus Christ—diverse in human qualities,
but united in our call to love God
with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

**We are the Body of Christ—
living in his truth, sharing his peace,
carrying his hope, embodying his love,
throughout the world he loved so much.**

We are here to be reminded once more who we are,
whose we are and what our lives are about.

**We are here to be uplifted, renewed and empowered
to live out the miracle of who we are,
by the power of God working in and among us.**

We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new.

Offering

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Offering Prayer (unison)

Unshakable and Holy God, we bring these gifts before you, not as mere offerings, but as acts of faith in your unshakable kingdom. Though the world around us trembles, we trust in your steadfast love, knowing that in Christ, we are welcomed, transformed, and sent forth to serve. Bless these gifts, that they may be used to build your justice and mercy,

bringing hope to the broken and light to the weary. With grateful hearts, we offer ourselves alongside these gifts, that we may be signs of your grace in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

***Hymn**

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

GtG # 242

(Refrain) Day of delight and beauty unbounded, tell the news, the gospel spread!

Day of all wonder, day of all splendor, praise Christ risen from the dead!

Sing of the sun from darkness appearing; sing of the seed from barren earth greening;
sing of creation, alleluia! Sing of the stream from Jesus' side flowing;
sing of the saints in water made holy; sing of salvation, alleluia! (Refrain)

Sing now of mourning turned into dancing; sing now the mystery, hope of our glory; sing
with thanksgiving, alleluia! Sing now of fasting turned into feasting; sing the Lord's favor
lasting forever; sing, all things living, alleluia! (Refrain)

Benediction

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Myles Billheimer

GREETER: Stan Cowan

COFFEE HOST: Sharon and David Allshouse

OFFERING COUNTER: David Allshouse

Unity Candle: Today we pray for Westview - Watsonville

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, August 25th: Bell Choir at 2:30 pm (Thomas Lounge)

Sunday, August 31st – FFFF Fifth Sunday Meal in Hubler Hall following worship

Sunday, September 14th: FALL New Members Club forming after worship.

Please see Anne, if interested

New Office Hours: Monday -Thursday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.