

# Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

## Season of Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 18, 2021, 10 am

**Whoever you are...**  
what you've done,  
who you love,  
and **wherever you are in your journey of faith...**  
what you believe  
or what you don't believe,  
***You are welcome here!***

\*[In order to provide a safe worship experience please follow the Covid safety protocol. If you are fully vaccinated you don't have to wear a mask. If you are not fully vaccinated please wear a mask and maintain 6 feet social distancing. Thank you.]

### Words of Meditation

*God is never tired of forgiving.  
It is we who are tired of asking for forgiveness.*  
Pope Francis

*Forgiveness doesn't happen through your effort.  
Forgiveness happens when you let go of something.  
It is a phenomenon of "letting go"  
where grace enters and forgiveness happens.*  
Juno Song

*Beyond right and wrong there is a field. I will meet you there.*  
- Rumi, 13 century Persian Sufi mystic and poet

(\*Please stand if you are able)

### Prelude

*Sing unto the Lord*  
M. Hayes

Marina Thomas

### Bringing in the Light

#### Welcome

- a. Gathering & Welcome
- b. Life of the Church
- c. \*Passing of Peace (Greet one another with "**Peace of Christ be with you.**")

#### \*Gathering Song

*The Church's One Foundation*

#545 (vs. 1, 2, 5)

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

**People: So God seeks and saves the lost.**

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

**People: So God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.**



had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

**Leader:** The word of God for the people of God.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Message** Part 3) **Beloved Community:** Rev. John Song  
**“The Work of Reconciliation”**

**Special Music** *Kaulana Kawaihae (Restful Kawaihae)*  
 by Israel Kamakawiwo'ole  
 Solo: Juno Song, Ukulele: Mike Locke-Paddon

**\*Declaration of Our Commitment to Fierce Love** (written by Dorothy Day)

Love is a terrible thing to ask of us, but it is the only answer.  
 This is the Love we are talking about, not the sentimental love of fairy tales.  
 This is the Love that keeps us up at night, that’s harsh and dreadful and aches inside.  
 The only thing harder than hatred is love. The only thing harder than war is peace.  
 The only thing that takes more work, tears, and sweat than division is reconciliation.  
 But what more beautiful things could we devote our lives to?  
 So help us God! Amen.

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

Let us respond to this word of grace and hope by the giving of our tithes and offerings, which support the varied ministries of the Watsonville First United Methodist Church, mission at home and throughout the world.

**Offertory** *Go Down, Moses* Marina Thomas  
 B. Frost

**Presentation of Offering**

**\*Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Offertory Prayer** (In unison)

Accept these gifts from our hearts, O God, and our lives in the ministry of fierce love justice and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**\*Recessional Hymn**

*Pass It On*

#572

**\*Sending Out into the World**

**Postlude**

*Ain-a That Good News*  
J. Carter

Marina Thomas

*\*We warmly invite everyone to refreshments and fellowship  
in the Social Hall following worship.*

**Liturgists:** Tahja Martinez, Febe Avitua, Lucila Pantaleon, Bob Culbertson (Lay Leader)

Alter Flowers: Betty Rather

Refreshments: Carol Parker & Marilyn Hyde

**Calendar for the Week**

Sun., July 25	10:00 am	Worship Celebration
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
Mon., July 26	3:00 pm	Children's Music Festival
Tue., July 27	3:00 pm	Children's Music Festival
	6:00 pm	Weekly Worship Team Meeting via Zoom
Wed., July 28	3:00 pm	Children's Music Festival
Thu., July 29	3:00 pm	Children's Music Festival
Sun., Aug. 1	10:00 am	Worship Celebration
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	1:00 pm	Leadership Circle Committee Meeting

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