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 an 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.

Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

People: So God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Leader: Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

People: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the

name of Jesus Christ.

Children's Time "Ohana" Pastor John

Hymn Spirit of the Living God #393 (2x)

Prayers & Blessings of the People

- a. Sharing of Joys & Concerns (Please raise your hand & mic will be given to you)
- b. Silent prayer
- c. Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer/Padre Nuestro (You are invited to pray in the language of your choice)

- a. 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.
- b. Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga tu reino; hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbanos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo el poder y la gloria por siempre. Amen.

Response to Our Prayers

On Eagle's Wings

#143

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hands.

*Gospel Readings (Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Matthew 12:46-50

Who Is My Family?

⁴⁶ While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. ⁴⁷ Someone told him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." ⁴⁸ But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" ⁴⁹ And pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Luke 15:11-24

The Parable of the Lost Son

¹¹ Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he

had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17 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! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." 20 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. ²¹ 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.' 22 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. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate: ²⁴ 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 11:10 am	Worship Celebration Coffee Hour, Social Hall
Mon., July 26	3:00 pm	Children's Music Festival
Tue., July 27	3:00 pm 6:00 pm	Children's Music Festival 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 11:10 am 1:00 pm	Worship Celebration Coffee Hour, Social Hall Leadership Circle Committee Meeting

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