

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, August 1, 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 we follow the latest CDC Covid guideline. We recommend those who are fully vaccinated to wear a mask not only to protect yourself but to protect those who are not fully vaccinated. If you are not fully vaccinated please wear a mask and maintain 6 feet social distancing. Thank you.]

Words of Meditation

To err is human, to forgive is divine.

– Alexander Pope, the 18th century English poet and satirist from *An Essay on Criticism*

Forgiveness is one's refusal to push the other out of one's heart.

– Juno Song

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

The love of Jesus Medley

Marina Thomas

M. Hayes

Bringing in the Light

Welcome & the Life of the Church

***Passing of Peace** (Wave to your neighbors near you with “**Peace of Christ be with you.**”)

***Gathering Song**

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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***Opening Prayer** (In Unison)

With all our heart, we take refuge in God most high,

who created all things,

the merciful God, Source of all goodness.

With all our heart, we take refuge in Christ,

the Redeemer from our separation and brokenness,

who restores our true nature,

the perfect and mysterious Word.

With all our heart, we take refuge in the One who embraces the universe,

who at all times and in all places responds to our needs,

the pure and tranquil Holy Spirit.

Prayers & Blessings of the People

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

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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.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

One Body with Many Members

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body,

but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

Bring It Home by Marty Parks

Sung by: Katee Basile, Layla Dias, Mike Locke-Paddon & Brandon Damiani

Accompanied by: Marina Thomas

Message

Part 4) **Beloved Community:**
“To Err Is Human, to Forgive Is Divine”

Rev. John Song

The Daily Ritual of Forgiveness at Chevetone Monastery

***Declaration of Our Commitment to Fierce Love** (written by Henry Nouwen)

Forgiveness is the name of love practiced among people who love poorly.

The hard truth is that all of us love poorly.

We need to forgive and be forgiven every day, every hour – unceasingly.

That is the great work of love among the fellowship of the weak –
that is the human family.

So help us God! Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Preparation

Institution of the Elements

***Receiving of the Bread and the Cup**

(The United Methodist Church practices open Communion. All are invited,
including children, to come forward in two lines to receive the Communion.)

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

Expression of Gratitude

Marina Thomas

P. Rodriguez

Presentation of Offering

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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.

