

# Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

## Our Mission

*Tipping the world toward love  
by following the Way of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world*

Sunday, August 22, 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, we follow the latest CDC Covid guidelines. We recommend both fully vaccinated (you can still be a carrier of the virus) and not fully vaccinated to wear a mask not only to protect yourself but to protect others. In addition, if you are not fully vaccinated, please maintain 6 feet social distancing. Thank you.]

## Words of Meditation

*(Jesus) said to them,  
"You are from below, I am from above;  
you are of this world, I am not of this world."*

- John 8:23

*(\*Please stand if you are able)*

**Prelude**

*Thy Word*  
Amy Grant

Marina Thomas

**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**

*Sanctuary*

FWS #2164 (2x)

**\*Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Leader: Come to Christ, that living stone,  
rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious.

People: **We have responded to Christ's call,  
to follow the Way of Christ,  
to be Christ's presence on earth.**

Leader: Once we were lost people, but now we are God's people,  
called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light.

Therefore we sing in praise the Church in all ages:

**People: Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer.  
By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ into new life.**

**Children's Time**      "If You Want to be Great in God's Kingdom"      Pastor John

**Congregational Singing**      *Servant of All*      (2x)

### **Prayers of the People**

- a. Sharing of Joys & Concerns (Please raise your hand & mic will be given to you)
- b. Breathing Movement & Mountain Pose
- 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**

**Mark 1:14-15**

*The Beginning of Jesus Ministry*

"Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

**Matthew 20:20-28**

*If You Want to be Great in God's Kingdom*

<sup>20</sup> Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. <sup>21</sup> And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." <sup>22</sup> But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." <sup>23</sup> He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right

hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.”

<sup>24</sup> When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. <sup>25</sup> But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>26</sup> It will not be so among you; but **whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant,** <sup>27</sup> and **whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave;** <sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

**Mark 8:34-37**

*Three Requirements of Becoming Jesus’ Disciples*

“<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?”

**John 10:10b**

“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music** *Solo* Marina Thomas

**Message** **“Our Mission”** Rev. John Song

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**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** *The Longer I Serve Him* Marina Thomas  
W. Gaither

**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 love, justice, and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**\*Recessional Song**                      *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*                      #526

**\*Sending Out into the World**

**Postlude**                                      *How Majestic Is Your Name*                                      Marina Thomas  
M. Smith

*We warmly invite everyone to a delicious cup of Peet's Coffee,  
refreshments and fellowship in the Social Hall following worship.*

*\*Be sure to sign up for your personalized nametag necklace from Tahja & the Crew.*

Altar Flowers: Hilda Rocha  
Refreshments: Jacqueline Peña & Laura Andrade

**Liturgists:** Tahja Martinez, Lucila Pantaleon, Febe Avitua  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Marieta Flores & Laura Andrade

**Calendar for the Week**

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| Sun., Aug. 22 | 10:00 am | Worship Celebration                          |
|               | 11:10 am | Coffee Hour, Social Hall                     |
|               |          | Nametag Necklace Craft Booth                 |
|               | 11:50 am | Hospitality Team Meeting, St. Stephen's Room |
| Tue., Aug. 24 | 6:00 pm  | Weekly Worship Team Meeting via Zoom         |
| Wed., Aug. 25 | 3:00 pm  | Piano Lessons & Theory, Sanctuary            |
| Fri., Aug. 27 | 2:30 pm  | Piano Lessons & Theory, Sanctuary            |
| Sun., Aug. 29 | 10:00 am | Worship Celebration                          |
|               | 11:10 am | Coffee Hour, Social Hall                     |
|               |          | Nametag Necklace Craft Booth                 |

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