

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 5, 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

“If you don't participate in civic life, you have no business being here.”
– Thucydides, an Athenian historian and general in 5th century B.C.

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

As We Gather
T. Wilhelmi

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.**”)

***Prayer in Unison**

Our Living God,
we your humble children invoke your blessing on us.
We adore you, whose name is love,
whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy,
whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness,
whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace,
whose service is perfect freedom,
and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life.
Unto you be all honor and all glory;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Gathering Song**

For the Healing of the Nations

#428

Prayers of the People

- a. Sharing of Joys & Concerns (Please raise your hand & mic will be given to you)
- b. Breathing Movement, Seaweed Meditation, Mountain Pose
- c. Pastoral Prayer

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

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.

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.

*Hymn

Go Down Moses

#448 vs. 1,2,3,4

Gospel Readings

Exodus 2:16-21

The priest of Midian had seven daughters. They came to draw water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. But some shepherds came and drove them away. Moses got up and came to their defense and watered their flock. When they returned to their father Reuel, he said, "How is it that you have come back so soon today?" They said, "An Egyptian helped us against the shepherds; he even drew water for us and watered the flock." He said to his daughters, "Where is he? Why did you leave the man? Invite him to break bread." Moses agreed to stay with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah in marriage.

Matthew 2:1-3 & 7-17

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him.

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Postlude

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
A. Peace

Marina Thomas

*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: Marieta Flores

Refreshments: Marieta Flores & Friends

Liturgists: Tahja Martinez, Lucila Pantaleon, Febe Avitua

Usher/Greeter: Marieta Flores

Calendar for the Week

Sun., Sep. 5	10:00 am	Worship Celebration (Preaching: Bob Culbertson, Lay Leader)
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall Nametag Necklace Craft Booth
Tue., Sep. 7	3:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory, Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Weekly Worship Team Meeting via Zoom
Wed., Sep. 8	3:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory, Sanctuary
Sun., Sep. 12	10:00 am	Worship Celebration
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall Nametag Necklace Craft Booth
	12:30 pm	SPPRC Meeting, Pastor's Office

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