

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*

Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, October 3, 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!

*[Our **in-person Sunday worship** in the Sanctuary **requires masks for all.**
Please continue to practice 6 feet physical distancing whenever possible.]

Words of Meditation

Hildegard of Bingen heard God say,

I am the breeze that nurtures all things green.

I encourage blossoms to flourish with ripening fruits.

I am the rain coming from the dew

that causes the grasses to laugh

with the joy of life.

- Hildegard von Bingen, the 12th-century German woman Christian mystic

Keep a green tree in your heart and a songbird will come.

- Chinese proverb

For if they do these things when the tree is green,

what will happen when it is dry?

- Luke 23:31

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

You Are My All in All

D. Jernigan

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.")

***Gospel Reading**

Luke 23:31

What will happen when the tree is dry?

“²⁶ As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸ But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹ For if they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Message How Did We Lose Our Way & How Can We Find Our Way Back?

Part 5) “**What the Wisdom of the Forest Can Teach Us**”

Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

#618 (vs. 1-2)

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

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
J. Carter

Marina Thomas

Presentation of Offering

***Doxology**

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.

#95

***Offertory Prayer (In unison)**

Accept our gifts from our hearts, O God, and dedicating our lives in tipping the world toward love by following the Way of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Recessional Song**

Hymn of Promise

#707

***Sending Out into the World**

Postlude

Lord, I Want to be a Christian
J. Carter

Marina Thomas

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

**Please sign up for your personalized nametag necklace from Tahja & the Crew.*

Refreshments: Laura & Mark Sorensen

Liturgists: Tahja Martinez, Lucila Pantaleon, Febe Avitua

Ushers/Greeters: Marieta Flores

Calendar for the Week

Sun., Oct. 3	10:00 am	Worship Celebration
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall Nametag Necklace Craft Booth
	12:00 pm	Leadership Council, St. Stephen's Room
Tue., Oct. 5	3:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory, Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	National Night Out 2021 Event, Back Parking Lot
Wed., Oct. 6	3:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory, Sanctuary
Thu., Oct. 7	4:00 pm	Food for Children, Back Parking Lot
Sun., Oct. 10	10:00 am	Worship Celebration
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall Nametag Necklace Craft Booth
	11:50 am	Wats. Journey to Hope Meeting, Pastor's Office

Church Website: watsonville1stumc.org

Email: office@watsonville1stumc.org | Phone: (831) 724-4434

Office Hours: Tue-Thu 9 am – 5 pm, Fri 9 am – 12 pm (Closed for lunch 12-1 pm)

Rev. John Juno Song, Pastor | pastor@watsonville1stumc.org

Mike Locke-Paddon, Music Director

Marina Thomas, Pianist

Hilda Rocha, Technician

Bob Culbertson, Lay Leader

Give online at <https://watsonville1stumc.org/donation/> or
mail your checks to 229 Stanford Street, Watsonville, CA 95076

Baptism, Membership, Wedding, Funeral, and Pastoral Counseling are available