

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Season of Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 17, 2021, 10 am

*[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

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times,
it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness,
it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness,
it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair.
we had everything before us, we had nothing before us,
we were all going direct to heaven, we were all going direct the other way...

- Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities* (1859)

The Chinese word for “crisis” is composed of two characters:
danger and opportunity.

*This time, like all times, is a very good one
if we but know what to do with it.*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

This Is My Father's World
F. Bock

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.**”)

***Opening Litany in Unison** (Psalm 148: 7–10, 13)

Contemplating Creation
Praise the Lord from the earth,
Sea monsters and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and clouds;
Stormy wind, fulfilling God's word;
Mountains and all hills;
Fruit trees and all cedars;
Beasts and all cattle;
Creeping things and winged fowl;
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
For God's name alone is exalted;
God's glory is above earth and heaven.

***Gathering Song**

How Great Thou Art

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Prayers of the People

- a. Sharing of Joys & Concerns (Please raise your hand & mic will be given to you)
- b. Chanting: **Be/ still/ and know/ that I am/ God.** (Psalm 46:10)
- 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.

Response to Our Prayers

On Eagle's Wings

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Hebrew Readings

Genesis 1:1-31

God saw that it was good

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be

fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

I Carry Your Heart
by John Duke

Solo: Vanessa Yearsley

I Carry Your Heart, the poem by ee cummings

i carry your heart with me

(i carry it in my heart)

i am never without it

*(anywhere i go you go, my dear; and whatever is done
by only me is your doing, my darling)*

i fear no fate (for you are my fate, my sweet)

i want no world (for beautiful you are my world, my true)

and it's you are whatever a moon has always meant

and whatever a sun will always sing is you

here is the deepest secret nobody knows

(here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud

and the sky of the sky of a tree called life; which grows

higher than soul can hope or mind can hide)

and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart

i carry your heart (i carry it in my heart)

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

Part 6) “**Entering the World of Richard Powers**”

Hymn

Seek Ye First

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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

Healer of Broken Hearts
G. Stiffler

Marina Thomas

Presentation of Offering

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;

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