

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*

The Blessing of Animals Sunday

Sunday, November 14, 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

“When you are raising farm animals
allow them to have good life before eating them.”

– A conscientious local farmer

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

Thou Art Worthy
P. Mills

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.**”)

***Responsive Prayer**

God created us and placed us on the earth
to be stewards of all living things,
therefore let us proclaim the glory of our Creator, saying:

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you create the animals
and give us the ability to train them to help us in our work.

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; for the sake of our comfort
you give us domestic animals as companions.

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you care for us
even as you care for the birds of the air.

O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands. Amen.

***Gathering Song**

All Creatures of Our God and King

#62 (vs 1-4)

Children’s Time

“Let’s Build a Barn for Our Animals”

Pastor John

Singing

All God's Critters

By Bill Staines

(Chorus)

**All God's critters got a place in the choir.
Some sing lower, some sing higher,
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire.
Some just clap their hands or paws
or anything they've got now.**

1. Listen to the bass, it's one on the bottom
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big to do
And the old cow just goes moo (mooing)

(Chorus)

2. Dogs and the cats they take up the middle
Where the humming birds hum and the crickets fiddle
The donkey brays and the pony neighs
And old coyote howls (howling)

3. Listen to the top with the little bird singing'
On the melody with the high notes ringin'
The hoot owl hollers over everything
And the jay bird disagrees (squawking)

(Chorus)

4. Singin' in the nighttime, singin' in the day
Little duck quacks and he's on his way
The possum ain't got so much to say
And the porcupine talks to himself (mumblin')

5. Simple song of love and care
With the ox and fox and grizzly bear
The grumpy alligator and the hawk above
Sly raccoon and the turtle dove (cooing)

(Chorus)

Prayer for All Our Veterans on the Veterans Day

Rev. John Song

Prayers of the People

- a. Sharing of Joys & Concerns (Please raise your hand & mic will be given to you)
- b. Snow Globe Meditation and Prayer
- 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

***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 6:25-34

Do Not Worry About Tomorrow

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?”

26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? **27** And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, **29** yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. **30** But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

31 Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ **32** For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33** But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

34 “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Marina Thomas

Message

“What Animals Teach Us”

Rev. John Song

Blessing of Animals

*People who want their animals blessed, please sit near the front at this time.

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

O How He Loves You and Me
K. Kaiser

Marina Thomas

Presentation of Offering

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

#95

Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***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** *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale* #122

***Sending Out into the World**

Postlude *My Tribute* Marina Thomas
A. Crouch

*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: Erika Bernabe & Family

Liturgists: Tahja Martinez, Lucila Pantaleon, Febe Avitua

Ushers/Greeters: Marieta Flores

Calendar for the Week

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| Sun., Nov. 14 | 10:00 am | Worship Celebration |
| | 11:10 am | Coffee Hour, Social Hall |
| Tue., Nov. 16 | 3:00 pm | Piano Lessons & Theory, Sanctuary |
| | 6:30 pm | In-Person Charge Conference, St. Stephen's Room |
| Wed., Nov. 17 | 3:00 pm | Piano Lessons & Theory, Sanctuary |
| Sun., Nov. 21 | 10:00 am | Thanksgiving Sunday Celebration |
| | 11:10 am | Coffee Hour, Social Hall |

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