

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Our Mission and Purpose

Our Mission

*Tipping the world toward love and justice
in alignment with God's deepest desire
for our lives and all God's creation.*

Our Purpose

*Watsonville First United Methodist Church exists so that
all are invited to experience the love of God
and to follow the Way of Jesus Christ
to transform ourselves and the world.*

Celebration of Martin Luther King Sunday

Sunday, January 16, 2022, 10 am

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

We welcome all visitors today! Thank you for being here and gracing us with your presence. Please fill out the “*Visitation Card*” found in the pew and either place it in the offering plate or deposit into the *Suggestion Box* in the narthex nave.

Children are invited to enjoy the resources in the **Children Learning Center** located at the back of the sanctuary during worship. Children are welcome to check out books and activity items to take home by signing the simple “*Check-out Sheet*” on clipboard there.

Words of Meditation

Benjamin Franklin was walking out of Independence Hall after the Constitutional Convention in 1787, when someone shouted out, “Doctor, what have we got? A republic or a monarchy?” To which Franklin responded, “**A republic, if you can keep it.**”

“that these dead shall not have died in vain— that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

~ U.S. President Abraham Lincoln, The Gettysburg Address, November 19, 1863

Democracy is like love. It only works when everyone has a voice.

~ Carol Gilligan, an American ethicist and psychologist

*Dangers to society are not the disobedient, defiant, and rebellious
but the obedient, silent, and indifferent.*

~ Leon Litwack, the 20th century Pulitzer Prize winning American History Professor

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

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.**”)

***Unison Prayer**

“For Our Country”

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O God, keep our whole country under your protection. Wipe out sin from this land; lift it up from the depth of sorrow, O Lord, our shining light. Save us from deep grief and misfortune, Lord of all nations. Bless us with your wisdom, so that the poor may not be oppressed and the rich may not be oppressors. Make this a nation having no ruler except God, a nation having no authority but that of Love. Amen.

***Gathering Song**

This Is the Day (2X)

This is the day, this is the day,
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.

Everybody Ought to Know

Everybody ought to know
Everybody ought to know
Everybody ought to know
Who Jesus is.

Everybody ought to know
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Who Jesus is.

He's the Lily of the valley;
He's the bright and morning star.
He's the Fairest of Ten Thousand;
Everybody ought to know.

Children's Time “A Lesson from Sidney Poitier: “Please, Thank you” Pastor John

Singing

Put Your Hand in the Hand

Put your hand in the hand
of the man who stilled the water
Put your hand in the hand
of the man who calmed the sea.

Take a look at yourself
and you can look at others differently,
by puttin' your hand in the hand
of the man from-a Galilee.

Ev'ry time I look into the holy book
I wanna tremble.
When I read about the part
where a carpenter cleared the temple,
for the buyers and sellers were no diff'r'ent fellas
than what I profess to be,
and it causes me the pain to know
that I'm not what I should be.

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of the man who stilled the water
Put your hand in the hand
of the man who calmed the sea.
Take a look at yourself
and you can look at others differently,
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of the man from-a Galilee.

Prayers of the People

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

***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 2:1-8, 12-14, 16, 19-22

The Tyrant King Herod

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² 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.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ 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...

¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Escape to Egypt

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt.

The Massacre of the Infants

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.

The Return from Egypt

¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

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

People: Thanks be to God!

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Nursery Attendants: Julissa Solis, Tatyana Martinez

Calendar for the Week

Sun., Jan. 16	10:00 am	Martin Luther King Sunday / Human Relations Day No Coffee Hour
Tue., Jan 18	3:00 pm	Piano & Theory Lessons
Wed., Jan 19	3:00 pm	Piano & Theory Lessons
Sun., Jan. 23	10:00 am	Sunday Worship No Coffee Hour

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