

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 follow the Way of Jesus Christ
to transform ourselves and the world.*

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday, January 23, 2022, 10 am

Please join us every Sunday for in-person Worship at 10am wearing masks and social distancing. You can also worship online by going to our website “watsonville1stumc.org” and click [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#). It will be uploaded in Sunday afternoon for your viewing.

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

“Fear makes the wolf bigger than he is.”

~ German Proverb

“Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being.

Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light.”

~ **Albert Schweitzer**, physician, theologian, musicologist, writer, humanitarian, philosopher

“A candle is a small thing. But one candle can light another. And see how its own light increases, as a candle gives its flame to the other. You are such a light.”

~ **Moshe Davis**, rabbi and scholar of American Jewish history
who taught at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Hebrew University

(*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.**”)

***Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Leader: You have placed your truth in the inner being;

People: Therefore, teach us the wisdom of the heart.

Leader: Create in us a clean heart, O God,

All: And put a new and right spirit within us.

People: Enfold us in the arms of love,

All: And fill us with your Holy Spirit.

People: Free us from all that binds us in fear,

All: Cleanse us that your light may shine in us.

People: Restore in us the joy of your saving grace,

All: That we may radiate love and live in freedom.

***Opening Prayer** (In unison)

Drop thy still dews of quietness
till all our striving cease.
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess,
The beauty of Thy peace. Amen.

***Gathering Song**

How Great Thou Art

#77

Children’s Time

“How Can You Better Take Care of Yourself?”

Pastor John

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.

Hebrew Readings**Jeremiah 17:7-8**

“Blessed are those who trust in the Lord. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such Trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they go right on producing delicious fruit.”

Isaiah 43:1b-3a

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Marina Thomas

Message**“Compassioning through Pandemic”**

Rev. John Song

Hymn*Spirit of the Living God*

#393 (2x)

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Leader: 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.

***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.

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***Offertory Prayer (In unison)**

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

Recessional SongPass It On*

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Sending Out into the World*Postlude**

*There is NO Coffee Hour gathering in the Social Hall following worship due to surge in the Omicron variant infection rate in our county. We will resume when the infection rate subsides. Thank you.

Liturgists: Tahja Martinez, Febe Avitua

Greeters: Harry & Clarice Wiggins

Head Ushers: Marieta Flores

Tech Team: Antonio Pantaleon, Lucila Pantaleon, Kaya Lourenco

Nursery Attendants: Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis

Calendar for the Week

Sun., Jan. 23	10:00 am	Fourth Sunday of Epiphany Worship No Coffee Hour
Tue., Jan 25	3:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory
Wed., Jan 26	3:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory
Sun., Jan. 30	10:00 am	Fifth Sunday of Epiphany Worship No Coffee Hour

Upcoming Meetings

Sun. Jan. 30: J2Hope, 11:50 am in St. Stephen's room (or zoom)

Wed. Feb. 2: Finance, 5:30 pm in Pastor's office (or zoom)

Sun. Feb. 6: SPRC, 11:50 am in Pastor's Office (or zoom)

Sun. Feb. 13: Leadership Council, 11:50 am in St. Stephen's room (or zoom)

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

Rev. John Juno Song, Pastor

Mike Locke-Paddon, Music Director

Marina Thomas, Pianist

Antonio Pantaleon, Media Director

Bob Culbertson, Tahja Martinez, Lay Leaders

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