

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Our Purpose

*Watsonville First United Methodist Church
invites all to experience the love of God
and be on a transformative journey
following the Way of Jesus Christ.*

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

Sunday, February 27, 2022, 10 am

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

Vacillation

by William Butler Yeats
(1865-1939)

My fiftieth year had come and gone,
I sat, a solitary man,
In a crowded London shop,
An open book and empty cup
On the marble table-top.
While on the shop and street I gazed
My body of a sudden blazed;
And twenty minutes more or less
It seemed, so great my happiness,
That I was blessed and could bless.

Transfiguration of Inner Light

by Silja Walter, a Swiss Benedictine nun in the Fahr Abbey, Switzerland
(1919-2011)

I have not known, what it was:
the inner light. One day it was there.
Up, in the summer mountains.

Then I saw, there exists an inner light in human beings.
It comes from the Light, the energy of God.
It gave itself to me as a gift.

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

Walk Worthy
J. Martin

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.**”)

***Call to Worship** (Prayer by 17th Century Russian Bishop, St. Dimitri of Rostov)

Come, my Light,

and illumine my darkness.

Come, my Physician,

and heal my wounds.

Come, Flame of divine love,

and burn up the thorns of my sins

and kindle my heart with the flame of thy love.

Come, my King,

sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there.

For thou alone art my King and my Lord.

***Gathering Song**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

FWS #2173

Children’s Time

“The Burning Bush”

Pastor John

Hymn

Holy Ground

FWS #2272

Prayers of the People

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

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Hebrew Readings

Exodus 3:1-6

The Burning Bush

“Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.” When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.” “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

Exodus 34: 29-30, 33-35

The Mount Sinai: The Shining Face of Moses

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.

³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 17: 1-8

The Transfiguration of the Lord

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him **Peter** and **James** and his brother **John** and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them **Moses** and **Elijah**, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

1. *Kanon in D* by Johann Pachelbel

2. *Simple Gifts*, traditional

Performed by the Guitar Duo, Irene Berry & Debbie Morton

Message

“Uncreated Light”

Rev. John Song

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.

Offertory

All for Jesus

Marina Thomas

F. Bock

***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 Song** *We Are Marching in the Light of God* FWS #2235-b (2X)

***Sending Out into the World**

Postlude *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* Marina Thomas
M. McDonald

*There is NO Coffee Hour gathering in the Social Hall following worship.

- 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., Feb. 27	10:00 am	Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday No Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	Piano Lessons & Theory
	11:20 am	SPRC Meeting in St. Stephen's Room
Wed., Mar. 2	9 am – 5 pm	Ash Wednesday / Ashes will be given outside Pastor's Office
Thu., Mar. 3		HAPPY BIRTHDAY PASTOR JOHN!
	4:00 pm	Food for Children, Back Parking Lot
Sat., Mar. 5	2:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory
Sun., Mar. 6	10:00 am	1st Sunday of Lent No Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	Piano Lessons & Theory
	11:20 am	WJ2HF Meeting in St. Stephen's Room

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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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