

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.*

Valentine's Sunday

Sunday, February 13, 2022, 10 am

Please join us every Sunday for in-person Worship at 10am wearing masks and social distancing. We follow local, state, and federal guidelines. You can also worship online by going to our website "watsonville1stumc.org" and click [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#). It will be uploaded on 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

"When I am out arguing and winning I catch myself gaslighting just to win the argument. Just because you win the argument does not make you right. Winning an argument never get you what you want. You are left with disconnection and feeling lonely. Winning might be safer but it's never a good replacement for connection and intimacy."

~ Brene Brown

"All judgements are the tragic expressions of pain and unmet needs."

~ Dr. Marshall Rosenberg, the founder of Nonviolent Communication

"The way you treat me is your path, the way I react is mine."

~ Wayne Dyer

"The thing that I regret the most is the failure of kindness."

~ George Saunders from the 2013 commencement address

"*Failures of Kindness*" at Syracuse University, New York

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

As We Gather
M. Fay

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.**”)

*Invocation

***Gathering Song** *God of Love and God of Power* #578

Children’s Time **“Who Let the Dog Out”** Pastor John

Hymn *Jesus Love Me* #191

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)

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 **Genesis 2:15-25**

⁷ Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;

17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

18 Then the Lord God said, “**It is not good that the man should be alone**; I will make him a helper as his partner.” **19** So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them;

and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. **20** The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. **21** So the Lord God caused a **deep sleep** to fall upon the man, and **he slept**; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. **22** And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. **23** Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

24 Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and **they become one flesh.** **25** And the man and his wife were **both naked**, and were **not ashamed.**

Genesis 3:1-13

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” **2** The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; **3** but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” **4** But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; **5** for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” **6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. **7** Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

8 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. **9** But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “**Where are you?**” **10** He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” **11** He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” **12** The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” **13** Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

My Funny Valentine

Solo: Vanessa Yearsley

(originally sung by Ella Fitzgerald)

Words by LORENZ HART, Music by RICHARD RODGERS

Message

“What Is This Thing Called LOVE?”

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

The Bond of Love
O. Skillings

Marina Thomas

*Doxology

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

#95

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 and justice by following the Way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Recessional Song**

Pass It On

#572

***Sending Out into the World**

Postlude

I Just Feel Like Something Good is About to Happen
W. Gaither

Marina Thomas

*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., Feb. 13	10:00 am	Valentine's Sunday Celebration No Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	Piano Lessons & Theory
	11:50 am	Leadership Council Meeting , St. Stephen's room
Sat., Feb. 19	2:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory
Sun., Feb. 20	10:00 am	Eighth Sunday of Epiphany No Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	Piano Lessons & Theory

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