

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.*

Seventh Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday, February 20, 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

“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

For one human being
to love another . . .
that is perhaps the
most difficult of
all our tasks, the
final and ultimate proof,
the task for which all
others are but
preparation.

~ Rainer Maria Rilke

“Make haste to love.”

~ Hadewijch of Brabant

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
C. Curry

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.**”)

Opening Prayer** (In unison) ***Morning Consecration by Catherine McAuley

O compassionate Jesus,
look on us today with tenderness
and give us the grace to walk on the path of mercy
marked out for those who follow you.
May all we do reflect your merciful love.

***Gathering Song**

Be Thou My Vision

#451

Children’s Time

Pastor John

Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

#393 (2x)

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

#143

Hebrew Readings

Genesis 3:16–22

Exiled to the East of Eden

¹⁶ To the woman (God) said,

“I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children,
yet your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷ And to the man he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,
and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;

in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
19 By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

20 The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. 21 And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.
22 Then the Lord God said, “See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever.” 23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 He drove out the man; and at the **east of the garden of Eden** he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 2:24

“Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife,
and **they become one flesh.**”

Reading of the Epistle **1 Corinthians 13:4–8, 13**
What Love Is

4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends... 13 And now **faith, hope, and love** abide, these three; and the greatest of these is **love**.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music Piano Solo by Febe Avitua

Message Part 2: “**After Ecstasy, Laundry**” 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 Love of God* Marina Thomas
F. Lehman

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

***Recessional Song** *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* FWS #2223

***Sending Out into the World**

Postlude *This Ol' House* Marina Thomas
Arr. F. Bock

*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. 20	10:00 am	Seventh Sunday of Epiphany No Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	Piano Lessons & Theory
Sat., Feb. 26	2:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory
Sun., Feb. 27	10:00 am	Sunday Worship No Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	Piano Lessons & Theory
	11:20 am	SPRC Meeting in St. Stephen's Room

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