

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.*

Sixth Sunday of Epiphany With Holy Communion

Sunday, February 6, 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 [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#). 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 from Thich Nhat Hanh

“To prepare for war, to give millions of men and women the opportunity to practice killing day and night in their hearts, is to plant millions of seeds of violence, anger, frustration and fear that will be passed on for generations to come.”

“When someone hurts you, it is their pain speaking,
and the response should not be inflicting of harm in reply, but deep compassion.”

“The practice of peace and reconciliation
is one of the most vital and artistic of human actions.”

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

Standing on the Promises
P. Robertson

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) “The Prayer of St. Francis” #481

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

***Gathering Song** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* FWS #2171

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** **Matthew 5:43-48**
Love for Enemies

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 26:52

“Then Jesus said to (Peter), “Put your sword back into its place;
for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.”

Matthew 5:9

“Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called the sons and daughters of God.”

John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Message

**A Friend of God: Thich Nhat Hanh
“What Christians Can Learn from His Legacy”**

Rev. John Song

***Congregational Singing**

Change My Heart, O God

FWS 2152 (2x)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Proclamation (in unison)

Christ lives among us.

Christ lives within us.

Christ lives around us.

Prayer of Preparation

Institution of the Elements

***Receiving of the Bread and the Cup**

(The United Methodist Church practices open Communion. All are invited, including children, to come forward in the middle isle in two lines to receive the Communion. If you wish receive the Communion at your seat, please raise your hand or ask one of the ushers.)

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

Safe Am I
M. Dillon

Marina Thomas

***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.

#95

***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** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* #431

***Sending Out into the World**

Postlude *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Marina Thomas
L. Mason

*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. 6	10:00 am	Sixth Sunday of Epiphany with Holy Communion No Coffee Hour
	11:15 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory
	11:50 am	SPRC Meeting, St. Stephen's Room
	2:00 pm	Wats. Journey to Hope Meeting, via Zoom
Sat., Feb. 12	2:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory
Sun., Feb. 13	10:00 am	Sixth Sunday of Epiphany with Valentine's Day Message No Coffee Hour
	11:15 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory
	11:50 am	Leadership Council Meeting , 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)

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Antonio Pantaleon, Media Director

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