

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.*

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 13, 2022, 10 am

***Our in-person Sunday worship in the Sanctuary requires masks for all.**

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.

Words of Meditation

Let This Darkness Be a Bell Towel

By Rainer Maria Rilke (Translated by Joanna Macy)

Quiet friend who has come so far,
feel how your breathing makes more space around you.
Let this darkness be a bell tower
and you the bell. As you ring,
what batters you becomes your strength.
Move back and forth into the change.
What is it like, such intensity of pain?
If the drink is bitter, turn yourself to wine.
In this uncontainable night,
be the mystery at the crossroads of your senses,
the meaning discovered there.
And if the world has ceased to hear you,
say to the silent earth: I flow.
To the rushing water, speak: I am.

~ *Sonnets to Orpheus II, 29*

[Rainer Maria Rilke (4 December 1875 – 29 December 1926) was an Austrian poet and novelist. His writing is described as "spiritual and mystical".]

“Everything will be all right in the end.
If it’s not all right, it is not yet the end.”
– Richard Rohr in his new book *The Universal Christ*

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Pass It On
K. Kaiser

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.**”)

***Unison Prayer**

“Lent”

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O, God our deliverer, you led your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

***Gathering Song**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

by Keith Green

Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me

Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me, the joy of Thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me

Children’s Time

A Sufi Story: *The Diamond in Your Pocket*

Pastor John

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)

- 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.

Response to Our Prayers

On Eagle’s Wings

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***Gospel Reading**

Luke 9:23-25

²³ Then he said to them all, “If any want to become my followers,
 let them **deny themselves** and **take up their cross daily** and **follow me**.
²⁴ For those who want to save their life will lose it,
 and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.
²⁵ What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose their souls?

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:2 (The Message)

“It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for.
 Long before we first heard of Christ,... he had his eye on us,
 had designs on us for glorious living,
 part of the overall purpose he is working out
 in everything and everyone.”

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

Special Music

The Wayfaring Stranger

Brandon and Trisha Kett

“*The Wayfaring Stranger*” is a well-known American folk song originating in the early 1800’s about a plaintive soul on the journey through life. The lyrics were originally published in 1858. The songwriter is unknown. During the Civil War in 1862, the lyrics were found on the wall of a Confederate prison, inscribed by a dying Union soldier.

Message

Jesus as a Template for Transformation

Rev. John Song

The Evolutionary Journey: The Shift from Ego to Essence

Part 2) “**Deny Yourself**”

Response

Spirit Song

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Offertory

Interlude
M. Hayes

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.

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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**

There’ll Be Sunshine in the Morning

by Jim Strathdee

1. There’ll be sunshine in the morning, (3X)
 Sunshine in the morning one of these days.
2. Freedom will come to all our brothers,
 Freedom will come to all our sisters,

