

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.*

First Sunday of Lent with Holy Communion

Sunday, March 6, 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.

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2. UMCOR: Support the humanitarian assistance in Ukraine

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries. Unlike the other charitable organization, **100%** of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause because the General United Methodist Church has established and fund the operational system.

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Words of Meditation

Then he told them what they could expect for themselves:

"Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead.

You're not in the driver's seat—I am.

Don't run from suffering; embrace it.

Follow me and I'll show you how.

Self-help is no help at all.

Self-sacrifice is the way, *my* way, to finding yourself, your true self.

What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you?"

~ Luke 9:23-25 (The Message)

“The transfiguration process by which a human being becomes an embodied divine human requires dying into life.”
~ Kabir, a 15th-century Indian mystic poet and saint

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

I Love You, Lord
L. Klein

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) ***Psalm 51:6-12

You have placed your truth in the inner being;
Therefore teach us the wisdom of the heart.

Forgive all that binds us in fear,
That we may radiate love;
Cleanse us that your light may shine in us.

Fill us with gladness;
Help us to transform weakness into strength.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,
And put a new and right spirit within us.**

Enfold us in the arms of love,
And fill us with your holy spirit.

Restore in us the joy of your saving grace,
And encourage us with a new spirit.

***Gathering Song**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

by Keith Green

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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

“Jesus in the Wilderness for 40 Days”

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)

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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***Gospel Reading Luke 4:1-14** (The Temptation of Jesus)

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” 4 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”

8 Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’

11 and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

12 Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

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?

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

Message

“Jesus as a Template for Transformation”

Rev. John Song

The Evolutionary Journey: The Shift from Ego to Essence

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Celebration of Holy Communion / Celebración de la santa comunión

The Lord be with you. / *El Señor sea con ustedes.*

And also with you. / Y también contigo.

Lift up your hearts. / *Elevemos los corazones.*

We lift them up to the Lord. / Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. / *Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.*

It is right to give our thanks and praise. / Es justo darle gracias y alabanza.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love help us return to that love. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking God for strength to persevere in your Lenten journey and discipline.

Como discípulos de Jesús nuestro Señor hemos sido llamados a luchar contra todo lo que nos aparte del amor de Dios y nuestro prójimo. El arrepentimiento, el ayuno, la oración y las obras de caridad nos ayudan a regresar el amor. Los invito, por lo tanto, a entregarse de lleno a esta lucha y a confesar sus pecados, implorando de nuestro Dios la fortaleza para perseverar en la disciplina cuaresmal.

Most holy and merciful God: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Dios santísimo y misericordioso: Confesamos a ti y los unos a los otros y delante de toda la comunión de los santos en el cielo y en la tierra, que hemos pecado por nuestra propia culpa en pensamientos, palabras y obras; por lo que hemos hecho y por lo que hemos dejado de hacer.

(The Faith we Sing #2007, “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”)

(The Faith We Sing #2007, “SANTO, SANTO, SANTO”)

**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!**

**Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres, Señor!**

Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ.
Santo eres Tú, y bendito sea Jesucristo.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

No te hemos amado con todo nuestro corazón, mente y fuerza. No hemos amado a nuestros prójimos como a nosotros mismos. No hemos perdonado a otros, como hemos sido perdonados. Dios, ten piedad de nosotros.

We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Hemos permanecido sordos a tu llamado de servir como Cristo nos sirvió. No hemos sido fieles a la voluntad de Cristo. Hemos ofendido a tu Espíritu Santo. Dios, ten piedad de nosotros.

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives, our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Te confesamos, Señor, toda nuestra infidelidad pasada. El orgullo, la hipocresía y la impaciencia en nuestras vidas, nuestros apetitos y costumbres de auto-satisfacción y nuestra explotación de otras personas. Dios, ten piedad de nosotros.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Nuestro desenfrenado apego por los bienes y las comodidades materiales y nuestra falta de honradez en nuestra vida y el trabajo diario. Dios, ten piedad de nosotros.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to live our faith.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Nuestra negligencia en la oración y la adoración y nuestra falta de propagar la fe que tenemos. Dios, ten piedad de nosotros.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

Accept our repentance, O God.

Acepta, Señor, nuestro arrepentimiento, por el mal que hemos hecho. Por nuestra ceguera ante la necesidad y el sufrimiento humano y nuestra indiferencia ante la injusticia y la crueldad, acepta nuestro arrepentimiento, Señor.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us.

Accept our repentance, O God.

Por todos los juicios falsos, por pensamientos carentes de amor hacia nuestros prójimos y por nuestro prejuicio y desprecio de aquellos que son diferentes, acepta nuestro arrepentimiento, Señor.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

Accept our repentance, O God.

Por nuestro desperdicio y la contaminación de tu creación que hemos causado y nuestra falta de preocupación por los que han de venir después, acepta nuestro arrepentimiento, Señor.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great. Amen.

Restáuranos, buen Señor, y deja que tu ira se aparte de nosotros. Escúchanos, Señor, porque tu misericordia es grande. Amén.

As your Word became flesh, born of Mary, on that night long ago so, on the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Como tu Palabra se hizo carne, nació de María, en esa noche hace mucho tiempo, en la noche que se entregó por nosotros, tomó pan, dio gracias, lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos diciendo:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

“Tomen, coman; esto es mi cuerpo dado por ustedes. Hagan esto en memoria de mí”.

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Después de la cena, tomó la copa, y después de haber dado gracias, la dio a sus discípulos, diciendo:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

“Beban de ella, todos ustedes; ésta es mi sangre del nuevo pacto, derramada por ustedes y por muchos para el perdón de los pecados.

“Hagan esto todas las veces que la beben, en memoria de mí”.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Y así, recordando tus actos poderosos en Cristo Jesús, nos ofrecemos en alabanza y agradecimiento como un sacrificio santo y vivo, en unión con la ofrenda de Cristo por nosotros, mientras proclamamos el misterio de la fe.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Cristo ha muerto; Cristo ha resucitado; Cristo vendrá de nuevo.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Creator, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing of the bread and the cup

(The congregation is invited to share in communion of the bread and the cup.)

Se comparten el pan y la copa

(Se invita a la congregación compartir la comunión del pan y de la copa.)

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.

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Offertory

He Is with Me

J. Peterson

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**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back
In times of trial, still I will follow
In times of trial, still I will follow
In times of trial, still I will follow

No turning back, no turning back

In times of crisis, God will go with us
In times of crisis, God will go with us
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***Sending Out into the World**

Postlude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
J. Wyeth

Marina Thomas

*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., 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
Sat., Mar. 12	2:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory
Sun., Mar. 13	10:00 am	2nd Sunday of Lent No Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	Piano Lessons & Theory
	11:20 am	Leadership Council Meeting in St. Stephen's Room

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