

# 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.*

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 27, 2022, 10 am

**\*Masks are optional** for in-person Sunday worship.

**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.

### **This Sunday is *In-Person Lego Sunday!***

Our Sunday School teacher, Joan Culbertson, will lead our children following Special Music to the Nursery Room where Lego Sunday will be held.

### **Words of Meditation**

“Volcanoes are very misunderstood, in a way. People always think of them as these destructive forces. They are, but on the other hand, they also have great creative power.”  
~ volcanologist

“Breakdowns Come Before Breakthroughs.  
Sometimes things have to fall apart before they can get better.  
When you take a stand to create something new, expect a breakdown.  
Remember, chaos is a prelude to creation.”  
~ Katherine Woodward Thomas

*What happened in the life of Christ will happen in us.  
In our transformed lives, God lives in us without us losing our own being.*  
~ Raimon Panikkar, *Christophany: The Fullness of Man*, Orbis Books 2004

*(\*Please stand if you are able)*

**Prelude**

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J. Bach

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**

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

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**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 9:23-25**

- <sup>23</sup> 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**.
- <sup>24</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.
- <sup>25</sup> What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose their souls?

**Matthew 20:25-28**

"You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music**

*Let There Be Peace*

Carmelita Abenoja, solo

composer, Kennedy; arr. Knight  
(originally sang by Frank Patterson, Ireland's Golden Tenor)

*Let there be peace for today and forever.  
May troubles cease in this fair land we love.  
With hope and faith, days of fear will be ended.  
When God hears the nation(s) praying, let there be peace....  
Peace to tend the fields of golden grain, watch the sky and sea.  
Walk in sunshine or in rain; unafraid and free.*



Ushers: Marieta Flores, Laura Andrade Sorensen  
 Tech Team: Antonio Pantaleon, Lucila Pantaleon, Kaya Lourenco  
 Nursery Attendants: Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis  
 Coffee Hour: Marjorie Martinez, Billie Sorensen

## **Congregational Business Cards Available!**

*Be like Johnny Appleseed and help sow the seeds of Christ!*

We have created congregational business cards for people to use to introduce and invite friends, neighbors and chance encounters in supermarkets, restaurants, and streets to our church. The card has all the information that they need to learn about our church.

You can pick them up during Sunday worship in the narthex or at the church office. Please take a bunch and publicize our church with abandon!

## **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! ~ 2022 TOYON CAMP**

**Saturday, July 9, 2022 to Friday, July 15, 2022 at Monte Toyon**

**Toyon Camp** serves children entering 3rd grade through 9th grade. Come spend a week in nature and deepen your relationship with God. This is an opportunity for your children and youth to be a part of a week of faith formation through an intentional Christian living community, curriculum in small groups with daily themes that are woven throughout the day, meaningful worship—and of course- all that makes camp, camp! Campfires, challenge courses, arts and crafts and progressive programming so each age group has a unique experience!

**TOYON L.I.T** (Leaders In Training) is for teens who are going into their 10th-12th year of high school. L.I.T campers will go through a series of training sessions that will provide leadership skills and training for working with kids. L.I.T's will assist camp staff and counselors with cabin activities, small groups, and other camp activities. Being an L.I.T will help develop your faith, leadership skills, and self-esteem! Please contact the church office if you are interested. Scholarships are available!

### **Calendar for the Week**

Sun., Mar. 27	10:00 am	<b>UMCOR Sunday / Worship on 4th Sunday of Lent</b> Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	Piano Lessons & Theory
	11:30 am	<b>SPRC Meeting, St. Stephen's Room</b>
Sat., Mar. 2	2:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory
Sun., Apr. 3	10:00 am	<b>Worship on 5th Sunday of Lent</b> Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	Piano Lessons & Theory
	11:45 am	<b>Leadership Council Meeting, St. Stephen's Room</b>

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