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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent With Holy Communion

Sunday, April 3, 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.

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

"Most people do not really want freedom, because freedom involves responsibility, and most people are frightened of responsibility."

~ Sigmund Freud, Civilization and Its Discontents

"Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it." ~ George Bernard Shaw, "Man, And Superman", 1903

"Eventually we all have to accept full and total responsibility for our actions, everything we have done, and have not done."

~ Hubert Selby Jr., <u>Requiem for a Dream</u>

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Little Organ Prelude J.S. 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"

#268

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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

FWS #2158

Children's Time

A Lesson on Nonviolent Communication: "Speak the Truth in love"

Pastor John

Farewell to Jacqueline Pena and Kaya Lourenco

Response from the Congregation

We feel sorrow in your leaving, yet we rejoice with you in anticipation of your new phase in life. We will miss your presence, love and support. Yet we know you will add much to the lives of those who will be your new community, as you have added much to our lives. We will pray for you and for the whole family of God.

Pastoral Prayer and Blessing

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 Reading

Genesis 3:12-13

The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Galatians 6:5

"For all must bear their own loads."

Romans 14:12

"So then each of us will give an account of oneself to God."

*Gospel Readings

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

Part 4) "Take Up Your Cross Daily"

Response Take Time to Be Holy #395

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 to 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 Teach Me Lord To Wait Marina Thomas

S. Hamblen

*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 God of Grace and God of Glory #577 (vs. 1, 2, 4)

*Sending Out into the World

Postlude Were You There? Marina Thomas

Arr. F. Bock

We warmly invite everyone to a delicious cup of Peet's Coffee, refreshments and fellowship in the Social Hall following worship.

Today's refreshments: Marjorie Martinez & Marieta Flores

*If you want to bring Refreshments in the future you can sign up on the clipboard in the narthex or see Marjorie Martinez.

Worship Leaders

Pastor	Rev. John Song
Pianist	Marina Thomas

Liturgists Tahja Martinez, Febe Avitua Greeters Harry & Clarice Wiggins

Ushers Marieta Flores, Laura Andrade Sorensen

Tech Team Antonio Pantaleon, Lucila Pantaleon, Elizabeth Reitano

Nursery Attendants Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis Coffee Hour Marjorie Martinez, Billie Sorensen

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., Apr. 3	10:00 am	Worship on 5th Sunday of Lent Coffee Hour
	11:15 am 11:45 am	Piano Lessons & Theory Leadership Council Meeting, St. Stephen's Room
Thu., Apr. 7	4:00 pm	Food for Children, Back Parking Lot
Sat., Apr. 9	2:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory
Sun., Apr. 10	10:00 am	Palm Sunday / LEGO Sunday Coffee Hour
	11:15 am 11:30 am	Piano Lessons & Theory SPRC Meeting, St. Stephen's Room

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