

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church
Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 24, 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 the *In-Person Lego Sunday!*

First, children will be in worship. Following the Special Music, the teacher, Joan Culbertson, will lead our children to the Nursery Room where Lego Sunday will be held.

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

*Life's not fair! Whenever I try to eat healthy,
a chocolate bar looks at me and Snickers!*

“There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice,
but there must never be a time when we fail to protest it.”
~ Elie Wiesel

“We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility.
It's easy to say, ‘It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.’
Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.”
~ Fred Rogers

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

Take My Life
S. Underwood

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.**”)

***Call to Worship (Responsive)** *May God Bless Us with Discomfort*

[by Judy Newton, United Methodist Missionary, Peace Educator & Activist]

Leader: May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers,
half-truths and superficial relationships

People: so that we may live deep within your heart.

Leader: May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression
and exploitation of people

People: so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain,
rejection, starvation, and war

**People: so that we may reach out your hand to comfort them
and to turn their pain into joy.**

Leader: And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe
that you can make a difference in this world

People: so that we can do what others claim cannot be done. Amen.

***Gathering Song** *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in this Place* #328

Prayers of the People

- a. Sharing of Joys & Concerns (Please raise your hand & mic will be given to you)
- b. 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* #143

Special Music *Children's Piano Recital*
Piano Teacher Marina Thomas

*Children may now leave for the Lego Sunday School
with the teacher, Joan Culbertson, to the Nursery Room.*

Readings from Prophets**Isaiah: 1:17**

“Learn to do good, seek justice, correct oppression,
bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widows cause.”

Micah 6:8

“The Lord has already told you what is good, and this is what he requires:
to do what is right, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

Gospel Reading*Matthew 25: 44-45**

Then they will reply, “Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?” And he will answer, “I assure you, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.”

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Message

“Fairness & Justice”

AR Pointer

Hymn

Change My Heart, O God

FWS #2152

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

Open My Eyes that I May See
C. Scott

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**

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

FWS #2195

Sending Out into the World*Postlude**

I Got Peace Like a River
F. Bock

Marina Thomas

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

Today's refreshments: Marieta Flores & Friends

*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
Lay Preacher	AR Pointer
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Liturgist	Bob Culbertson
Greeters	Harry & Clarice Wiggins
Head Usher	Marieta Flores
Tech Team	Mike Locke-Paddon, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano
Nursery Attendants	Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis
Coffee Hour	Marjorie Martinez, Billie Sorensen

Calendar for the Week

Sun., Apr. 24	10:00 am	Worship Service/Lego Sunday School Preaching: AR Pointer Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	Piano Lessons & Theory
Sat., Apr. 30	2:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory
Sun., May 1	10:00 am	Worship Service/Lego Sunday School Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	Piano Lessons & Theory

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