

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door

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.*

Palm/Passion Sunday

Sunday, April 10, 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.

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."

~ Luke 9:23 (The Message)

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude *Give Me Jesus* Holly Ota
African American Spiritual, Arr. Anna Laura Page

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** "Passion/Palm Sunday" #281

***Gathering Song** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #278

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

Children's Time

"I Abide in You and You Abide in Me"

Pastor John

"We (Trinity) will come to them and make our home with them."

~ John 15:23b

"I pray that they will all be one, just as you, Father, dwell in me and I dwell in you, may they also dwell in us (Trinity) so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one."

~ John 17:21-22

"Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

~ John 15:4-5

Interabiding Chant

Jesus Christ

You are my Lord

You abide in me

Jesus Christ

You are my Lord

I abide in You

*Children may now leave for the LEGO Sunday School with Mrs. Joan Culbertson to the Nursery.

***Gospel Readings**

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their

cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

*“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”*

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Matthew 21:42

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures:

*“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes?”*

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: Part 5) “Follow Me”

Rev. John Song

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

Quanta Qualia
Patrick Hawes

Holly Ota

***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 SongI Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

FWS #2129

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back

My cross I'll carry, wherever he leads me
My cross I'll carry, wherever he leads me
My cross I'll carry, wherever he leads me
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
In times of crisis, God will go with us
No turning back, no turning back

Tho' none go with me, I still will follow
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow
No turning back, no turning back

Sending Out into the World*Postlude***Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*
African American Spiritual, Arr. John Carter

Holly Ota

*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	Holly Ota
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

THIS HOLY WEEK...

Community Good Friday Service

April 15, 12 noon @ Wats1st UMC Sanctuary

Participating churches are Lutheran Community Church, Westview Presbyterian Church, Watsonville Salvation Army, and Wats1st UMC. The service will be bilingual: English/Spanish.

Good Friday Labyrinth Walking Meditation

April 15, 10 am – 3 pm @ Social Hall

We invite you to stop by in the Fellowship Hall anytime on April 15 between 10 am – 3 pm for the Labyrinth Meditation Walk in the Social Hall. The winding walk of the Labyrinth is a healing and transformative journey with God. To get the most of the Good Friday experience, we recommend doing both the **Community Good Friday Service** at 12 pm and walk the Labyrinth before and after the Good Fri. service.

Easter Activities

Easter Egg Coloring (Children & Youth)

Saturday, April 16 ~ 2:00 pm, Social Hall

Easter Celebration Service

Sunday, April 17 ~ 10:00 am in-person worship service

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 17 ~ After Easter Celebration Service

Calendar for the Week

Sun., Apr. 10	10:00 am	Palm Sunday / LEGO Sunday Coffee Hour
	11:30 am	No Piano Lessons & Theory SPRC Meeting , St. Stephen's Room
Thu., Apr. 14	12:00 pm	UMW Meeting, St. Stephen's Room
Fri., Apr. 15	10am – 3pm	Good Friday Labyrinth Walking Meditation , Social Hall
	12:00 pm	Community Good Friday Service , Sanctuary
Sat., Apr. 16	2:00 pm	Easter Egg Coloring , Social Hall Piano Lessons & Theory
Sun., Apr. 17	10:00 am	Easter Sunday Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	Children's Easter Egg Hunt Piano Lessons & Theory

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