

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

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**With Holy Communion**

**Sunday, May 1, 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**

*If you want to go fast, go alone.*  
*If you want to go far, go together.*  
~ African Proverb

“No person is an island. Even a hermit lives in the context of one’s monastic community and requires visitors. That is why the cruelest punishment is to put a person in an “isolation confinement”. When infants and babies do not receive adequate human touch and interactions, they develop mental illnesses and literally die.

We are social creatures born to be **relational**. I AM because of WE. My sense of self was forged out of people whom I have had relationships with. That is why the idea of “*separate-self*” is an illusion.”

~ John Song

(\*Please stand if you are able)

**Prelude**

*Love medley*  
D. Wyrzten

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** by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Crucified and risen Christ, flood our hearts with your light

**and our souls with your living presence,**

that we may trust the victory of God in Christ Jesus,

**the power of forgiveness over vengeance,**

the victory of love over violence,

**the triumph of life over death.**

By your rising, give us courage to know that evil and oppression,

**though they seem to reign on earth, have already been defeated.**

You who bear us in your heart,

**you have raised us up with you,**

and set us free from our fear,

**free from shame and despair,**

free from all that would imprison us,

**from all that would keep us from loving perfectly and living in freedom in Christ.**

Loving Christ, we have died in you and risen in you.

**May we walk with courage into this new life that Christ has won for us. Amen.**

**\*Gathering Song**

*This Is My Father's World*

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**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*

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

**\*Gospel Readings****Matthew 18:20**

"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

**Luke 24:13-21***The Walk to Emmaus*

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then **their eyes were opened, and they recognized him**; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Message**

**"A Cure for the Epidemic of Loneliness"**

Rev. John Song

**Hymn**

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

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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. / *Eleveamos 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.

Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. In the fullness of time you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior, and at his birth the angels sang glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**(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.*

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**

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**Offertory**

*Day by day  
O. Ahnfelt*

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**

*Pass It On*

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**\*Sending Out into the World**

**Postlude**

*He's Got the whole world in his hands*

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
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Liturgists	Tahja Martinez, Febe Avitua
Greeters	Harry & Clarice Wiggins
Head Usher	Marieta Flores
Communion Stewards	Marieta Flores, Laura Andrade Sorensen
Tech Team	Mike Locke-Paddon, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano
Nursery Attendants	Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis
Coffee Hour	Marjorie Martinez

### **Calendar for the Week**

Sun.	May 1	10:00 am	<b>Holy Communion/Lego Sunday School</b> Coffee Hour
		11:15 am	Piano Lessons & Theory
Thur.	May 5	4:00 pm	Food for Children, back parking lot
Sat.,	May 7	2:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory
Sun.	May 8	10:00 am	<b>Mother's Day Celebration</b> Preaching: Carmelita Abenoja Coffee Hour
		11:15 am	Piano Lessons & Theory

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*Baptism, Membership, Wedding, Funeral, and Pastoral Counseling are available*