

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door

Welcoming to humans of all races, genders, and sexual orientations. We invite, respect, and support all people who speak to love, dignity, and justice. You are affirmed and accepted as a full participant in the life and work of this United Methodist congregation.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 22, 2022, 10 am

*Masks are optional.

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

Everyone is called.

Only a few hear that call.

And fewer still respond to that call.

~ Rabbinic Wisdom Tradition

“We’d never know how high we are,
till we are called to rise;
and then,
if we are true to plan,
our statures touch the sky.”

~ Emily Dickinson

Mark Twain said, “*Your two most important days are the day you were born and the day you find out why.*”

I would add the third most important day to the list,
and that is the day you **act** on your *why*.

~ Light Watkins

My grandfather used to tell me “Smooth waters don’t make for good sailing.”

~ Anonymous

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude *My Heart Abounds with Pleasure* Marina Thomas
J. Brahms

Bringing in the Light

Welcome & the Life of the Church Rev. John Song

***Passing of Peace** (Wave to your neighbors near you with “**Peace of Christ be with you.**”)

***Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Leader: This the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: This none other than the house of God,

People: and this is the gate of heaven.

***Gathering Song** *This Is the Day* #657 (2x)

Children’s Time “**The Empty Pot**” Pastor John

Prayers of the People

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

The Prayer of Abandonment to God

Clemens Maria Hofbauer (1751 – 1820, Vienna)

I want what God wants
when He wants it,
how He wants it,
because He wants it.

- c. 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

***Gospel Reading**

John 15:16

“You did not choose me but I chose you.
And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.”

Epistle Readings

Ephesians 1:11-12 (*The Message*)

“It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.”

Romans 8:28

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,
who have been called according to his purpose.”

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Turn, Turn, Turn

by Brandon and Trisha Kett

[This American song *Turn, Turn, Turn (To Everything There Is a Season)* is written by Pete Seeger in the late 1950s and first recorded in 1959. The lyric is from the Ecclesiastes in the Hebrew bible written around 300 BC. According to rabbinic tradition, Ecclesiastes was written by the wise King Solomon in his old age. It speaks of the truth of temporality and paradoxes in life.]

Message “**We’d Never Know How High We Are, Till We Are Called to Rise**”

Hymn Response

Spirit of the Living God

#393 (2x)

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

Interlude
M. Hayes

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**

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

FWS #2158

***Sending Out into the World**

Postlude

Variations on Maldwyn
R. Haan

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, Edgar & Solida Estioko

*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
Tech Team	Antonio Pantaleón, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano
Nursery Attendants	Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis
Coffee Hour	Marjorie Martinez

Next Sunday on May 29th we have a special guest preacher, Dr. Peter Coster. His message is "**The Sign of Jonah**".

[Peter H. Coster, PhD, MDiv, LMFT is Relational Psychotherapist, Clinical Supervisor and the Executive Director for the Center for Psychotherapy, Spirituality and Creativity. He lives in Sonoma with his wife Kate and cat named Aribel.]

Calendar for the Week

Sun., May 22	10:00 am	Worship Service Coffee Hour
	11:50 am	Wats. Journey to Hope Foundation, St. Stephen's Room
Sat., May 28	2:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory
Sun., May 29	10:00 am	Worship Service Preaching: Peter Coster Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	Piano Lessons & Theory
	11:50 am	SPRC, St. Stephen's Room

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