

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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 29, 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

“I cannot believe in a messiah who will come only after 6 million Jews are slaughtered. I cannot believe in that kind messiah. The truth is the Messiah has come. He has come thousands of times through those who have done the messianic deeds. Messianic moment happens every time one does the messianic deed.”

~ Elie Wiesel

“My good friends, we are all waiting. We are waiting, if not for the Messiah, as such, we are waiting for the messianic moment. And the messianic moment is what each and every one of us desperately trying to fight despair as humanly as possible and - I hope - with some measure of success.”

~ Elie Wiesel

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

“I slept and dreamt that life was joy.
I awoke and saw that life was service.
I acted and behold, service was joy.”

~ Rabindranath Tagore

“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

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude *“Loure”* Marina Thomas
J. S. Bach

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: Come to Christ, that living stone,
rejected by the world, but in God’s sight chosen and precious.

People: **We have responded to Christ’s call,
to follow the Way of Christ,
to be Christ’s presence on earth.**

Leader: Once we were lost people, but now we are God’s people,
called out of the darkness into God’s marvelous light.
Therefore we sing in praise the Church in all ages:

People: **Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer.
By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ into new life.**

***Gathering Song** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* #431

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 & Silent Prayer
- 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

***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

Weep You No More Sad Fountains

Vanessa Yearsley

by Roger Quilter

Weep you no more, sad fountains;

What need you flow so fast?

Look how the snowy mountains

Heaven's sun doth gently waste.

But my sun's heavenly eyes

View not your weeping,

That now lies sleeping

Softly, now softly lies Sleeping.

Sleep is a reconciling,

A rest that peace begets:

Doth not the sun rise smiling

When fair at even he sets?

Rest you then, rest, sad eyes,

Melt not in weeping,

While she lies sleeping

Softly, now softly lies Sleeping.

Message Part 2) “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

“O, How, I Love Jesus”

Marina Thomas

M. Hayes

***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**

The Battle Hymn of the Republic

#717 (vs. 1, 3-5)

***Sending Out into the World**

Postlude

“Let’s Just Praise the Lord”

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.



The rose on the altar today honors **Juni Elisabeth Yngvesson** born in Falkenberg, Sweden on **May 23, 2022**. She weighed 3565 grams and was 51 centimeters long. Her parents are Emelie Yngvesson and Johan Karlsson. She is the great-granddaughter of Margareta Ohlsson and is part of Marilyn Hyde’s Swedish family.

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

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| 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 |

Calendar for the Week

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| Sun., May 29 | 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| | | Coffee Hour |
| | 11:30 am | SPRC, St. Stephen’s Room |
| Thur., June 2 | 4:00 pm | Food for Children, Back parking lot |
| Sat., June 4 | 2:00 pm | Piano Lessons & Theory |
| Sun., June 5 | 10:00 am | Pentecost Sunday with Holy Communion |
| | | Coffee Hour |
| | 11:15 am | Piano Lessons & Theory |

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