

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;

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

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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;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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