

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door

Mother's Day Celebration

Sunday, May 8, 2022, 10 am

***Masks are optional** for in-person Sunday worship.

We celebrate all the mothers this morning.
We thank Marieta Flores for providing roses to all our mothers.

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

“What is a Mother?

It takes a love to make a house a home.

A place to be remembered no matter where we roam.

It takes a mother's kindness to forgive us when we err,
to sympathize in trouble and bow her head in prayer.

It takes a mother's wisdom to recognize our needs.

And to give us assurance by her loving words and deeds.”

~ Helen Steiner Rice

“Even He that died for us upon the cross, in the last hour,
in the unutterable agony of death, was mindful of His mother,
as if to teach us that this holy love should be our last worldly thought.”

~ Henry W. Longfellow

“All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.”

~ Abraham Lincoln

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

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J.S. Bach

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**

Leader: Come! Be present in this place. Bring your body, mind and spirit.

People: **Listen to the words of welcome to the gracious invitation to worship.**

Leader: Know that this gathering is a gift where God's presence can meet you.

People: **And to gather together in love.**

Leader: To honor and show reverence to our mothers who have given us life and love.

People: **For mothers who have nurtured and cared for us.**

Leader: Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

People: **Let our love for one another reflects the true and compassionate love of God shown to us through the gift of His son.**

All: **We come together unafraid, for we know that perfect love casts out fear.**

***Gathering Song** *For the Beauty of the Earth* #92 (vs. 1, 4, 5, 6)

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)

- 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

Children's Time "Baby Moses & His Mother's Faith and Love" Carmelita Abenoja

Hymn *The Gift of Love* #408

Reading from the Proverbs **Proverbs 31: 10-12, 20, 25-31**

- ¹⁰ Who can find a virtuous and capable wife?
She is more precious than rubies.
- ¹¹ Her husband can trust her,
and she will greatly enrich his life.
- ¹² She brings him good, not harm,
all the days of her life.

- ²⁰ She extends a helping hand to the poor
and opens her arms to the needy.
- ²⁵ She is clothed with strength and dignity,
and she laughs without fear of the future.
- ²⁶ When she speaks, her words are wise,
and she gives instructions with kindness.
- ²⁷ She carefully watches everything in her household
and suffers nothing from laziness.
- ²⁸ Her children stand and bless her.
Her husband praises her:
- ²⁹ “There are many virtuous and capable women in the world,
but you surpass them all!”
- ³⁰ Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last;
but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised.
- ³¹ Reward her for all she has done.
Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 6:1-4

Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. ² “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise:³ If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.”

⁴ Fathers do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

***Gospel Readings**

John 19:25-27

²⁵ Standing near the cross were Jesus’ mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, “Dear woman, here is your son.” ²⁷ And he said to this disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from then on this disciple took her into his home.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem

No Other Song

Choir

Words & Music by John W. Peterson

Message

“Mother Is a Word Called Love”

Carmelita Abenoja

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

Ave Maria
F. Schubert

Marina Thomas

***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** *A Christian Home* Tune: *Finlandia* #437 (Jean Sibelius)
Words by Barbara B. Hart

1. O, give us homes built firm upon the Savior,
Where Christ is Head and Counselor and Guide;
Where every child is taught His love and favor
And gives his heart to Christ, the Crucified:
How sweet to know that though his footsteps waver
His faithful Lord is walking by his side.
2. O, give us homes with godly fathers, mothers,
Who always place their hope and trust in Him;
Whose tender patience turmoil never bothers,
Whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim;
A home where each finds joy in serving others,
And love still shines, tho' days be dark and grim.
3. O, Lord, our God, our homes are Thine forever!
We trust to Thee their problems, toil and care:
Their bonds of love no enemy can sever
If Thou art always Lord and Master there:
Be Thou the center of our least endeavor –
Be Thou our guest our hearts and homes to share.
Amen

***Sending Forth** (Responsive)

Leader: As we have been touched by the hand of God today,

People: Let us take this touch into all that we do this week.

Leader: In our homes and families, may that touch mean togetherness and care.

People: In our places of work, may that touch mean honesty and integrity.

Leader: In our communities, may that touch mean commitment and justice.

People: We are the people of God.

Leader: And we are called to make a difference in our world.

Go now in the peace of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Postlude

The Spring Melody
M. Hays

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: Abenoja/Avitua families

*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
Preaching	Carmelita Abenoja
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

Sun.,	May 8	10:00 am	Mother's Day Celebration Preaching: Carmelita Abenoja Coffee Hour
		11:15 am	Piano Lessons & Theory
Sat.,	May 14	2:00 pm	Piano Lessons & Theory
Sun.,	May 15	10:00 am	Worship Service/Lego Sunday School Guest Preacher: Haley Feuerbacher Coffee Hour
		11:15 am	Piano Lessons & Theory

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