

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.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 26, 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.

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.

Words of Meditation

“Life will break you. Nobody can protect you from that, and living alone won’t either, for solitude will also break you with its yearning. You have to love. You have to feel. It is the reason you are here on earth. You are here to risk heart. You are here to be swallowed up.

And when it happens that you are broken, or betrayed or left or hurt, or death brushes near, let yourself sit by an apple tree and listen to apples falling all around you in heaps, wasting their sweetness. Tell yourself you tasted as many as you could.”

~ Louise Erdrich, a 20th century American author, writer of novels, poetry, and children's books

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

“Prelude in D”
J.S. Bach

Marina Thomas

Bringing in the Light

Welcome & the Life of the Church

Dr. Haley Feuerbacher

We welcome Dr. Haley Feuerbacher this morning while Pastor John is away for next two Sundays. He’ll return to office on July 5. Haley is a storyteller, creator, adventurer, facilitator, spiritual activist, and theologian. She attended Vanderbilt Divinity School and Brite Divinity School for her Master's in Theological Studies and completed her Ph.D. at Southern Methodist University in Religion and Culture and Women's and Gender Studies. A recent transplant to California from Texas, Haley was a faculty member at SMU and The Seattle School for Theology & Psychology and served for several years as a youth minister and then as campus minister for a United Methodist Reconciling college ministry. Passionate about the power of joy and compassion for personal and systemic transformation, Haley is currently the founder and executive director of the Center for

Courageous Compassion, which is creating a movement of fierce survivor-centeredness and transformation of trauma in which our helpers, caregivers, activists, leaders, and ministers engage in courageously compassionate work, life, and being that yields sustainable joy and resists systems and patterns that lead to vicarious trauma, burnout, and compassion fatigue. Haley is also a running coach, yoga facilitator, surfing and outdoor enthusiast, partner to SB and mother to son Christian.

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

***Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

People: So God seeks an saves the lost.

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

People: So God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

People: So God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Leader: Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

People: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

***Gathering Song**

Morning Has Broken

#145

Prayers of the People

Haley Feuerbacher

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

Matthew 14:13-25

Feeding the Five Thousand

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and

broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Jesus Walks on the Water

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,^[a] for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Marina Thomas, Piano Solo

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

Message

“Good + Grief: Grieve to Heal”

Dr. Haley Feuerbacher

***Hymn Response**

I was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

FWS #2051

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. Heys

Marina Thomas

***Hymn to the Trinity**

Gloria Patri (Glory to the Father) #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. 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**

Hymn of Promise

#707

***Sending Out Into the World**

Haley Feuerbacher

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”
M. Pachelbel

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: The Culbertsons and the Estiokos

*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

Guest Preacher
Pianist
Liturgists
Greeters
Usher
Tech Team
Nursery Attendants
Coffee Hour

Dr. Haley Feuerbacher
Marina Thomas
Tahja Martinez, Mark Sorensen
Harry & Clarice Wiggins
Bob Culbertson
Antonio Pantaleón, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano
Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis
The Culbertsons and the Estiokos

Opportunities

Invitation to Sing in the Choir

Carmelita Abenoja has graciously volunteered to be our interim choir director. Our choir will sing an anthem once a month. Carmelita is looking for interested singers, young and mature, to make a joyful noise for the Lord. Reading musical notes is not required. The choir will rehearse with Marina's accompaniment following the Coffee Hour and again on Sunday morning at 9:30 am when the anthem is sung. If you are interested please contact Carmelita on her cell (831) 566-3349 by texting or calling.

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Aug. 1 - 5, 8:45 am – 12:00 pm, Outdoors

Summer Children Music Program: Aug. 8 - 12, 9 am – 11:30 am, Sanctuary

National Night Out: Tuesday, October 4, 2022, our church parking lot.

Crop Hunger Walk: Sat. Oct. 8, gather and start at the church parking lot

Calendar for the Week

Sun., June 26	10:00 am	Sunday Worship/ LEGO Sunday School
	11:15 am	Guest Preacher, Haley Feuerbacher
		Coffee Hour
Wed., June 29	3:00 pm	VBS Planning Meeting, St. Stephen's Room
Sun., July 3	10:00 am	Sunday Worship
		Guest Preacher, Haley Feuerbacher
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour

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Office Hours: Tue-Thu 9 am – 5 pm, Fri 9 am – 12 pm (Closed for lunch 12-1 pm)

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