

# 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.

### **Our Vision and Purpose**

#### **Our Vision**

*Tipping the world toward love and justice  
in alignment with God's deepest desire  
for our lives and all God's creation.*

#### **Our Purpose**

*Watsonville First United Methodist Church  
invites all to experience the love of God  
and be on a transformative journey  
following the Way of Jesus Christ.*

## **Worship during Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, July 24, 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**

#### "Prayer of Mother Mary at the Cross

Come, and let us sing the praises of him who was crucified for us.

For Mary said, when she beheld him on the tree,

"Though you must endure the cross, you are my son and my God."

~ Sung on Holy (or Good) Friday

"Life fell asleep and hell shook with fear."

~ Holy Saturday proclamation

"He descended into hell and on the third day he rose again."

~ The Apostles' Creed

“Enter then, all of you, into the Joy of our Lord. First and last, receive alike your reward. Rich and poor, dance together. You who have fasted and you who have not fasted, rejoice today. The table is fully laden: let all enjoy it. The calf is fatted: let none go away hungry. Let none lament his poverty; for the universal Kingdom is revealed. Let none bewail his transgressions; for the light of forgiveness has risen from the tomb. Let none fear death; for the death of the Savior has set us free.”

~ From the Paschal Sermon of St. John Chrysostom

*(\*Please stand if you are able)*

**Prelude**

*We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*  
K. Dearman

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** (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**

*Sanctuary*

FWS #2164 (2x)

**Prayers of the People**

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

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Response to Our Prayers**

*On Eagle’s Wings*

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**Reading of Psalm**

**Psalm 84:1 – 7**

<sup>1</sup> How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!

<sup>2</sup> My soul longs, indeed it faints  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy

to the living God.

<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

<sup>4</sup> Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise.

**Romans 5:18-21**

*First Adam & Second Adam*

<sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous."

**1 Corinthians 15:21-22**

*First Adam & Second Adam*

<sup>21</sup> "For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ."

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music**

*Children Piano Recital*

Isaiah Gomez & Elizabeth Reitano

(Piano Teacher, Marina Thomas)

**Message**

Part 2: **"Entering the World of Icons"**

Rev. John Song

**Hymn of Response**

*Up from the Grave He Arose*

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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**

*Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child*

Marina Thomas

J. Carter

**\*Hymn to the Trinity**

*Gloria Patri* (Glory to the Father)

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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.

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**We come before you, O Lord, dedicating our gifts and our lives in your service.  
In gratefulness for calling us as your own, we offer you our thanks and praise.  
Receive our pledges and the gifts of our hands, and use them to bring light**

