

# 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 31, 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**

“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

#### *Mary's Consent*

“In the days of the creation of the world, when God was uttering his living and mighty ‘**Let there be,**’ the word of the Creator brought creatures into the world. But on that day, unprecedented in the history of the world, when Mary uttered her brief and obedient, ‘**Let it be,**’ I hardly dare say what happened then – the word of the creature brought the Creator into the world.”

~ Metropolitan Philaret, a sermon on the Feast of Annunciation, 1874

(\*Please stand if you are able)

**Prelude**

*Thy Word*  
A. Grant

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) *Christ, Be Our Light* by Bernadette Farrell

Leader: Longing for light, we wait in darkness

**People:** Longing for truth, we turn to You.

Leader: Make us Your own, your holy people

**People:** Light for the world to see.

Leader: Christ, be our light!

**People:** Shine in our hearts.

Leader: Shine through the darkness.

**People:** Christ, be our light!

Leader: Shine in Your church gathered today.

**People:** Longing for peace, our world is troubled

Leader: Longing for hope, many despairs.

**People:** Your grace alone has power to save us.

**All: Make us your living light.**

**\*Gathering Song**

*How Great Thou Art*

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**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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**Gospel Readings**

**John 1:1-5, 14, 16-18**

*The Word Became Flesh*

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being **4** in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

**14** And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. **16** From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. **17** The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18** No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.”

**Luke 1:26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; **let it be** with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Choir Anthem**

***I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord***

Words & Music by H. J. Fillmore

Partner Song: ***Great Is Thy Faithfulness*** Soloist: Joan Culbertson  
Words, Thomas O. Chisholm; Music, William M. Runyan; Arr. by C.D. Abenoja

**Message**

Part 3: "**Entering the World of Icons**"

Rev. John Song

**Hymn of Response**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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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**

*Right Now*  
O. Skillings

Marina Thomas

**\*Hymn to the Trinity**

***Gloria Patri*** (Glory Be 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 to the darkness and hope to places of despair and suffering, through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Recessional Song**                      *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*                      FWS #2153  
African American Spiritual; arr. by Wendell Whalum

**\*Sending Out Into the World**

**Postlude**                                      *Ain-a That Good News!*                                      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: Marjorie Martinez

\*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
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgists	Tahja Martinez, Febe Avitua
Head Usher	Marieta Flores
Tech Team	Antonio Pantaleón, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano
Nursery Attendant	Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis
Coffee Hour	Marjorie Martinez

***Upcoming Opportunities!***

**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

**Leadership Council:** Sunday, Aug. 7, 11:45 am, St Stephen's room

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

**National Night Out:** Tue. Oct. 4, 2022, 5 pm, church parking lot

**The 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** Sat. Oct. 22, 11 am, Worship & Luncheon

**Calendar for the Week**

Sun., July 31	10:00 am	<b>Worship Celebration</b>
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Sun., Aug. 7	10:00 am	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	11:45 am	Leadership Council Meeting, St. Stephen's Room

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