

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.

Celebration of the Independence Day

Sunday, July 3, 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.

Words of Meditation

“Grief is a last and final translation of an act of love. Grieving is the last act of loving someone. And this last act never ends because you can never stop loving the other.”

~ Ocean Vuong, the Vietnamese-American poet, essayist and novelist

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

“*Battle Hymn of the Republic*”
W. Steffe

Marina Thomas

Bringing in the Light

Welcome & the Life of the Church

Dr. Haley Feuerbacher

We welcome Dr. Haley Feuerbacher this morning. Pastor John will return to office on July 5.

***Passing of Peace** (Wave to your neighbors near you with “**Happy 4th of July!**”)

*Unison Prayer

“For Our Country”

#429

O God, keep our whole country under your protection. Wipe out sin from this land; lift it up from the depth of sorrow, O Lord, our shining light. Save us from deep grief and misfortune, Lord of all nations. Bless us with your wisdom, so that the poor may not be oppressed, and the rich may not be oppressors. Make this a nation having no ruler except God, a nation having no authority but that of love. Amen.

*Gathering Song

America the Beautiful

#696

Prayers of the People

Dr. Haley Feuerbacher

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

The Lord’s Prayer/Padre Nuestro (You are invited to pray in the language of your choice)

Gospel Reading*John 11:1-7, 12-46**
The Death of Lazarus

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Jesus the Resurrection and the Life

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Jesus Weeps

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Plot to Kill Jesus

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him. ⁴⁶ But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

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

Anthem

Blessed Is the Nation

Choir

Authors: Lynda Parker Loucks & Samuel F. Smith; Melody: Lynda Parker Loucks.
She quoted "America," by Henry Carry, incorporating the 1st stanza only into the lyrics.

Choir & Congregation sing in unison:

Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, To thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King.

Message

"Good + Grief: Faith After Uvalde"

Dr. Haley Feuerbacher

Hymn

God of the Ages

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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

"America"
Arr. A. Bock

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**

America

#697

***Sending Out Into the World**

Haley Feuerbacher

Postlude

"America the Beautiful"

Marina Thomas

S. Ward

*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 & Marieta Flores

*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

Dr. Haley Feuerbacher

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

Mark Your Calendar!

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Aug. 1 - 5, 8:45 am – 11:30 am, Outdoors

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

National Night Out: Tuesday, October 4, 202, our church parking lot.

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

Calendar for the Week

Sun., July 3	10:00 am	Sunday Worship
		Guest Preacher, Haley Feuerbacher
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour
Sun., July 10	10:00 am	Communion Sunday
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour
	11:45 am	Wats. Journey to Hope Meeting, St. Stephen's Room

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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.