

# 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.

## Worship During Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 21, 2022, 10 am

### Celebrating Women's Equality Day

In 1973, the U.S. Congress designated August 26 as "Women's Equality Day."  
The date was selected to commemorate the 1920 certification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote.

\*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

#### *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

#### *Christmas Prayer*

"What shall we offer you, O Christ, who for our sake has appeared on earth as man?  
Every creature made by you offers you thanks.

The **angels** offer you a hymn; the **heavens**, stars; the **Magi**, gifts;  
the **shepherds**, their wonder; the **earth**, its cave; the **animals**, the manger;  
and **we** offer you a **virgin mother.**"

~ From A Prayer for The Orthodox Christmas Vespers Service

#### *Mystery of Incarnation*

"God loves by becoming them."  
"God comes to you disguised as your life."

“Incarnation is God’s radical unity with humanity.”

~ Richard Rohr from *The Universal Christ*

(\*Please stand if you are able)

**Prelude**

*As the Deer*  
M. Nystrom

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.**”)

**\*Opening Prayer** (In unison) *Summer Prayer*

We thank you, God, for all your  
blessings this beautiful summer day.  
The bright sky and growing trees,  
the magical dragonflies and gentle breezes.  
Thank you for our family and friends.  
We ask for your peace and your passion for justice  
to be shared all over the world. Amen.

**\*Gathering Song**

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

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**Children’s Time**

**“Mary, the Mother of God”**

Pastor John

**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/Padre Nuestro** (You are invited to pray in the language of your choice)

**Response to Our Prayers**

*On Eagle’s Wings*

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**Gospel Readings**

**Luke 1:26-38**

*Mary’s Consent*

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.

**Luke 1:46-55 *Magnificat*** (Latin for “My Soul”) or ***The Song of Mary***

And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.  
His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

<b>Special Music</b>	<i>Actress</i> I. Vesnyak	Febe Avitua, Solo
<b>Message</b>	<b>Entering the Word of Icons</b> Part 5: “ <b>Mary, The Bearer of God</b> ”	Rev. John Song
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>Take My Life, and Let It Be</i>	#399

**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.

<b>Offertory</b>	<i>He Is With Me</i>	Marina Thomas
<b>*Hymn to the Trinity</b>	<b><i>Gloria Patri</i></b> (Glory Be 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.	

**\*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**

*Here I Am Lord*

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**\*Sending Out into the World**

**Postlude**

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

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
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

### ***Upcoming Opportunities!***

**Holy Walkamolies Beach Outing:** Sep. 10, 2022, 9:30 am, Pajaro Dunes/Palm State Beach

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

**Crop Hunger Walk:** Sat. Oct. 8, 9:30 am, gather and start at the front of the church

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

### **Calendar for the Week**

Sun., Aug. 21	10:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b> (Celebration of Women Equality Day)
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Sun., Aug. 28	10:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

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