

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 Children's Summer Music Festival

Sunday, August 14, 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

Children make your life important.

~ Erma Bombeck, American humorist

The soul is healed by being with children.

~ Fyodor Dostoevsky, the 19th century Russian novelist

Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged of man.

~ Rabindranath Tagore, the late 19th and early 20th centuries

Bengali poet, writer, philosopher, composer and social reformer

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude	<i>Create In Me A Clean Heart</i>	Marina Thomas
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Bringing in the Light

*Processional Song	<i>We Are Marching</i>	FWS #2235-b
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Welcome & the Life of the Church	Rev. John Song
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***Passing of Peace** (Wave to your neighbors near you with “**Peace of Christ be with you.**”)

***Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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)

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**

Mark 10:13-16 (The Message)

Jesus Blesses Little Children

The people brought children to Jesus, hoping he might touch them. The disciples shooed them off. But Jesus was irate and let them know it: "Don't push these children away. Don't ever get between them and me. These children are at the very center of life in the kingdom. Mark this: Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in." Then, gathering the children up in his arms, he laid his hands of blessing on them.

1 Peter 2:1-3 (NRSV)

¹ "Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Rev. John Song

Hymn of Response

Jesus Loves the Little Children (2X)

(Mike and Sue Gay, 1993)

Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world
Red and yellow, black and white
They are precious in His sight
Jesus loves the little children of the world

Presentation from the Children's Summer Music Festival

Music Festival Director: Mike Locke-Paddon

Music Teacher: Lara Willingham

Dance Instructor: Basillio Diego

Program

Bucket Drumming

Singing

- *Bim Bum*
- *I've Got Peace Like a River*
- *Ebenezer Sneezer*

Hand Bells

- *Home On The Range*
- *Evening Rise*

Video Presentation of Children Dancing

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

Lamb of God
J. Carter

Marina Thomas

***Hymn to the Trinity** *Gloria Patri* (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.**

Blessing of Backpacks & School Supplies

Blessings upon you for the new school year! ¡Bendiciones este nuevo año escolar!

This backpack and school supplies are brought to you by the members and friends of Watsonville First United Methodist Church.

Esta mochila y los útiles escolares son un regalo de los miembros y los amigos de la Primera Iglesia Metodista Unida de Watsonville.

Prayer of Blessings of Children as They Return to Schools

*We invite all the children to come forward to receive backpacks. After receiving, please proceed towards the back to register and receive school supplies.

[We thank **Joan Culbertson** for dropping off backpacks (filled with supplies & books) to 2 local students this week to a 7th grader from Rolling Hills Middle School and another 7th grader from Cesar Chavez Middle School.]

***Recessional Song**

Give Thanks

FWS #2036

***Sending Out Into the World**

*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
Music Festival Director:	Mike Locke-Paddon
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgists	Tahja Martinez, Febe Avitua
Greeters	Harry & Clarice Wiggins
Head Usher	Marieta Flores
Tech Team	Antonio Lucila 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

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 170th Anniversary Celebration: Sat. Oct. 22, 11 am, Worship & Luncheon

All Church Clean & Organize Day: Saturday, February 25, 2023, 9 am – 12 pm

Calendar for the Week

Sun., Aug. 14	10:00 am	Children Summer Music Festival & Backpack Giveaway
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Sun., Aug. 21	10:00 am	Sunday Worship (Celebration of Women Equality Day)
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

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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.