

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

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

Season of Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 25, 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.

This Sunday is the *In-Person Lego Sunday!*

First, children will be in worship. Following the Special Music, the teacher, Joan Culbertson, will lead our children to the Nursery Room.

Today's altar flowers are dedicated by Marieta Flores.

Words of Meditation

“My deepest me is God!”
~ St. Catherine of Genoa (1447–1510)

“We forget the gold. We forget the original goodness that's intrinsic in all of us. The whole path of waking up is to remember and realize and trust the gold. What a joy to pause and behold our basic goodness, and to see how it shines through each of us.”

~ Tara Brach

“When you say ‘Yes’ to others, make sure you are not saying ‘No’ to yourself.”

~ Paolo Coelho

“When you show up not being true to yourself,
you are harming us and the world.”

~ Rumi

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

No One Understands Like Jesus
J. Peterson

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.**”)

***Centering Breath**

***Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Leader: You have placed your truth in the inner being;

People: Therefore, teach us the wisdom of the heart.

Leader: Create in us a clean heart, O God,

People: And put a new and right spirit within us.

Leader: Enfold us in the arms of love,

People: And fill us with your Holy Spirit.

Leader: Free us from all that binds us in fear,

People: Cleanse us that your light may shine in us.

Leader: Restore in us the joy of your salvation,

All: That we may radiate love and live in freedom.

***Gathering Song**

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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Children’s Time

“Being Happy with What You Got”

Pastor John

Hebrew Readings

Genesis 1:27

“So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female God created them.”

Genesis 2:7

“Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground,
And breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;
and the man became a living being.”

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:4, 11-12 (The Message)

“Long before he laid down earth’s foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.” “It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ,... he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.”

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem *Sing to the Lord a Song* (Psalm 98) Choir Leader, Carmelita Abenoja
words & music by Don Wyrzten

*Children may now leave for Lego Sunday School
with the teacher, Joan Culbertson, to the Nursery Room.*

Message “What Is the Price of Self-Abandonment?” Rev. John Song

Hymn *Change My Heart, O God* FWS 2152 (2x)

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 *Turn Your Life Over to Jesus* Marina Thomas
P. Johnson

***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.

***Recessional Song** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* FWS #2158

***Benediction** [*This ends the Live Streaming]

Prayers of the People

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

The Lord’s Prayer/Padre Nostro (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.

Postlude *Happiness* Marina Thomas
W. Gaither

*We warmly invite everyone to a delicious cup of Peet’s Coffee,
refreshments and fellowship in the Social Hall following worship.*

Today's refreshments: Trisha Kett, 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
Liturgist	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	Trisha Kett, Marjorie Martinez

Upcoming Opportunities!

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

Crop Hunger Walk: Sat. Oct. 8, 8:00 am, gather and start at the front of the church

Blessing of Animals Sunday: Oct. 16, 10 am Worship Service

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

Staff Parish Relations Committee: Wed. Oct. 26, 10 am, St. Stephen's room

Memorial Service for Bernice Palmtag: Saturday, Oct. 29 at 11 am.

The **Reception** will follow at her residence (586 Tuttle Ave. Watsonville).

Leadership Council: Sun. Nov. 6, 11:50 am, St. Stephen's room

Church/Charge Conference: Sat. Dec. 10, 10 am, Sanctuary

Calendar for the Week

Sun., Sep. 25	10:00 am	LEGO Sunday
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Sun., Oct. 2	10:00 am	LEGO Sunday / World Communion Sunday
	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.