

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

*Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door*

## Season of Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 11, 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.

Today’s altar flowers are dedicated by Marieta Flores.

**This Sunday is *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.

### Words of Meditation

“All of us who are human beings are in the image of God. But to be in God’s likeness belongs only to those who by great love have attached their freedom to God.”

~ Diadochus of Photike

“Our deepest fears are the dragons that guard our greatest treasures.”

~ inspired by Rainer Maria Rilke

“Life is not about win-and-lose. Life is about being or not being, expressing or not expressing, who you are.”

~ Neale Donald Walsch

(\*Please stand if you are able)

**Prelude**

*How Beautiful*  
T. Paris

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**

**\*Opening Prayer** (In unison) *Morning Consecration* by Catherine McAuley

O compassionate Jesus,  
look on us today with tenderness  
and give us the grace to walk on the path of mercy

marked out for those who follow you.  
May all we do reflect your merciful love.

**\*Gathering Song** *Morning Has Broken* #145

**Children's Time** "How Jesus Sees Us" Pastor John

**Psalm Reading** **Psalm 139:13-16**  
*Thou Knowest My Inward Parts*

<sup>13</sup> For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together (stitch by stitch) in my mother's womb.  
<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.  
<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
<sup>16</sup> Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.

**\*Gospel Readings** **Matthew 13:44-45**  
*Buried Treasure Hidden in a Field*

<sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

*Pearl of Great Price*

<sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;  
<sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."

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

**Choir Anthem** *Look for the Beautiful*  
Words and music by Thoro Harris

Chorus: *Look for the beautiful, seek to find the true, God and the beautiful will dwell with you;  
Look for the beautiful, seek to find the true, You shall be beautiful, beautiful within.*

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

**Message** **Entering the Word of Icons** Rev. John Song  
Part 7: "The Christ of Sinai"

**Prayer in Responsive** (in Unison)  
O heavenly Ruler, fervent architect of all creation, light the gaze of your servant, guard our hearts and guide our hands, so that worthily and with perfection we may represent your

image, for the glory and beauty of your Holy Church. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Responsive Hymn**

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior,  
And life more abundant and free!

*Refrain:*

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace.

2. Through death into life everlasting  
He passed, and we follow Him there;  
O'er us sin no more hath dominion—  
For more than conqu'rors we are!

*Refrain*

**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**

*Something Worth Living For*  
D. Oldham

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**

Accept our gifts from our hearts, O God, and dedicating our lives in tipping the world toward love by following the Way of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**\*Recessional Song**

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

#430

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

*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**

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|--------------------|--|
| Pastor             | Rev. John Song   |
| Pianist            | Marina Thomas  |
| Choir Leader       | Carmelita Abenoja                                      |
| Liturgist          | Tahja Martinez, Mark Sorensen                          |
| 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!***

\*You are all invited to the **House Prayer Gathering** at the residence of **Bernice Palmtag**  
**TODAY at 11:50 am** following Worship & Coffee Hour. Her address is **586 Tuttle Ave. Watsonville.**

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

**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**

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| Sun., Sep. 11 | 10:00 am | <b>LEGO Sunday</b>                       |
|               | 11:10 am | Coffee Hour, Social Hall                 |
|               | 11:40 am | Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary               |
| Sun., Sep. 18 | 10:00 am | <b>Sunday Worship</b>                    |
|               |          | <b>Guest Preacher, Rev. Clyde Vaughn</b> |
|               | 11:10 am | Coffee Hour, Social Hall                 |
|               | 11:40 am | Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary               |

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