

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 and Purpose

Our Vision

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

Our Purpose

*Watsonville First United Methodist Church
invites all to experience the love of God
and be on a transformative journey
following the Way of Jesus Christ.*

Season of Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 18, 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.

Words of Meditation

"Children make your life important."
~ Erma Bombeck, American humorist

"The soul is healed by being with children."
~ Fyodor Dostoevsky

"Pretty much all the honest truth telling there is in the world is done by children."
~ Oliver Wendell Holmes, author and poet

"While we try to teach our children all about life,
our children teach us what life is all about."
~ Angela Schwindt, home schooling mom States

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

How Beautiful
J. Carter

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.**”)

***Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

People: So God seeks and saves the lost.

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

People: So God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

People: So God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Leader: Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

People: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

***Gathering Song**

Like a Child

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***Gospel Readings**

Mark 10:13-16

Jesus Blesses Little Children

¹³ People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Liebst du um Schönheit
By Clara Schumann

Emily Sinclair, soprano

Emily Sinclair, soprano, has performed in opera and concert across the United States, including at the Caramoor Festival, Central City Opera, and Opera Colorado. In the Bay Area, Emily has performed with the San Francisco Choral Society, West Bay Opera, and most recently as the soprano soloist in Verdi’s Requiem with Cantare Chorale in Walnut Creek. Emily received a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Colorado in Vocal Performance and Pedagogy, and holds additional degrees from Northwestern University, Manhattan School of Music and Yale University.

In Santa Cruz, she conducts Fiat Musica and the Temple Beth El choir, and teaches voice and vocal repertoire at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Upcoming performances include the MAH Common Ground Festival and Santa Cruz Chamber Players.

Message**“I Don’t Wanna Grow Up”**

Rev. Clyde Vaughn

Rev. Clyde Vaughn is a (semi-) retired minister, currently serving part time at the Boulder Creek UMC. He is known to most of the Watsonville UMC as he has been a frequent visitor over the years. Married to Sheila they have lived in Aptos for almost 30 years. Clyde is an active Board member of the Santa Cruz Symphony League, a fund-raising organization that supports the Santa Cruz Symphony. Children and grandchildren keep both Clyde & Sheila quite (happily) busy.

Hymn*Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands*

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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*Until Then*
S. Hamblen

Marina Thomas

Hymn to the TrinityGloria Patri* (Glory Be to the Father)

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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 SongLord of all Hopefulness*

FWS #2197

***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)

- a. 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.
- b. Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga tu reino; hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbanos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo el poder y la gloria por siempre. Amen.

*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

Guest Preacher	Rev. Clyde Vaughn
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgists	Bob Culbertson, 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!

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

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. 18	10:00 am	Sunday Worship
		Guest Preacher, Rev. Clyde Vaughn
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Sun., Sep. 25	10:00 am	LEGO Sunday
	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.