

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.

Holy Communion Sunday

Sunday, September 4, 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

“Everybody has a plan until they get punched in the mouth.”

~ Mike Tyson, a former heavyweight boxing champion

“Don’t ask what the world needs.

Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it.

Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.”

~ Howard Thurman (1899 – 1981),

American theologian, mystic and activist; mentor to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Glory of God is human fully alive.”

~ St. Irenaeus, the 2nd century bishop of Lyons, France

“I am a hole in a flute that God’s breath moves through—
listen to this music.”

~ Hafiz, the 14th century Persian poet

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

You Are My All In All

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) *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** *For the Beauty of the Earth* #92 (vs 1-4, 6)

Hebrew Reading **Jeremiah 6:16**
“Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.”

***Gospel Readings** **John 6:27**
“Do not work for the food that perishes,
but for the food that lasts, which the Son of Man will give you.”

John 15:16
“You did not choose me but I chose you.
And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.”

Epistle Reading **Ephesians 1:11-12** (The Message)
“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!

Message *“Let Your Life Speak”* Rev. John Song

Prayer in Response *Prayer of John Wesley*
I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,
Praised for you or criticized for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.
And now, O wonderful and holy God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
you are mine, and I am yours.
So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

Responsive Hymn *Seek Ye First* #405 (2x)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Proclamation (in unison)

Christ lives among us.
Christ lives within us.
Christ lives around us.

Prayer of Preparation
Institution of the Elements

***Receiving of the Bread and the Cup**

(The United Methodist Church practices open Communion. All are invited, including children, to come forward in the middle isle in two lines to receive the Communion. If you wish to receive the Communion at your seat, please raise your hand or ask one of the ushers.)

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 *I God, Our Help In Ages Past* Marina Thomas
W. Croft

***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** *Here I Am Lord* #593

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

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

Postlude *How Majestic Is Your Name* 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: Marieta Flores and Friends

*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	Mark Sorensen
Greeters	Harry & Clarice Wiggins
Head Usher	Marieta Flores
Communion Stewards:	Marieta Flores, Laura Andrade Sorensen
Tech Team	Antonio Pantaleón, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano
Nursery Attendants	Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis
Coffee Hour	Marieta Flores, Richard & Carol Parker, Laura Andrade

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, 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

Calendar for the Week

Sun., Sep. 4	10:00 am	Labor Day Sunday with Holy Communion
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Sat., Sep. 10	9:30 am	Holy Walkamolies Beach Outing
Sun., Sep. 11	10:00 am	LEGO 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.