

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.*

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 2, 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

“Truth sees God,
and wisdom contemplates God,
and from these two comes a third,
a holy and wonderful delight in God, who is love.

~ Julian of Norwich,
the 14th century English mystic and anchoress of the Middle Ages

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus
F. Bock

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**

You created for yourself a world filled with diversity
and blessed by your breath of life.
Rainbow colors bloom in spring,
summer breezes bring garden delight,
and now as Autumn comes our way
we see the work of your paintbrush upon every face and tree.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Throughout God’s world this day Christian churches are celebrating the Holy Communion as one family dining together in one room under one roof.

People: Our sisters and brothers in Africa, Europe, Latin America, Asia, Pacific Islands and all lands and countries join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

Leader: Neither powers nor principalities shall stop us nor deter our purpose, our desire to do good, our challenge to go forth as disciples into every town, village, and crossroads proclaiming the love of Christ for all creation.

People: In Christ’s love there is no East, no West, no North, no South, but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.

Leader: Let us praise Christ! May this holy meal empower each of us to be agents of hope and peace in a time of uncertainty and strife. t

People: The bread and wine are not for us alone, but are symbols of a universal message that surpasses the might of missiles and the walls of oppression.

Leader: May Christ bless the worldwide Communion of His Church this day!

People: Praise be to Christ our Creator, Redeemer, and Savior!

***Gathering Song**

In Christ There Is No East or West

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***Gospel Readings**

John 3:33-35

³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” ³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6:48-51

48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. 50 But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

Matthew 26:26-28

26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.” 27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Forever Young
Bob Dylan

by Brandon and Trisha Kett

[Written as a lullaby for his eldest son Jesse, born in 1966, Dylan's song relates a father's hopes that his child will remain strong and happy. It opens with the lines, “May God bless and keep you always / May your wishes all come true”, echoing the priestly blessing from the *Book of Numbers*, which has lines that begin: “May the Lord bless you and guard you / May the Lord make His face shed light upon you.”]

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

Message

Entering the Word of Icons
Part 7 “**The Mystical Last Supper**”

Rev. John Song

Hymn

This Is My Song

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Preparation for the World Communion Sunday

Jesus prayed that we might be one.

One in spirit. One in mission.

In union and communion with each other and with You.

**Today, God, we confess fumbblings and failures in accomplishing unity,
as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task.**

On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection
in the eyes of Christians everywhere.

Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences.

Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere.

We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

Institution of the Elements

Congregation (following the blessing of the Bread):

Blessed are you, O God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this **bread** to share, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for all the **bread of life**.

Congregation (following the blessing of the Cup):

Blessed are you, O God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this **wine** to share, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become **spiritual drink** for all.

***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 aisle in two lines to receive the Communion. If you wish to receive Communion at your seat, please raise your hand or ask one of the ushers.)

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

[The **World Communion Special Sunday** special offering envelopes are available in narthex. Without your generosity, this ministry could not be achieved! United Methodist local congregations gave **\$473,970** last year toward ministries funded by the **World Communion Special Sunday** special offering. Your gifts support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals while also transforming communities. 50% percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. 35% percent supports ethnic scholarships for undergraduate students. 15% percent funds in-service training programs for racial and ethnic persons.]

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

Holy is the Lord
F. Schubert

Marina Thomas

***Hymn to the Trinity**

Gloria 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**

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**

There'll Be Sunshine in the Morning

by Jim Strathdee

1. There'll be sunshine in the morning, (3X)
Sunshine in the morning one of these days.

2. Freedom will come to all our brothers,
Freedom will come to all our sisters,
Freedom will come to all our children,
Freedom to all our children one of these days.
3. Peace shall come to every nation, (3X)
Peace to every nation one of these days.
4. Love shall live in every heart, (3X)
Love in every nation one of these days.

***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)

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

How Majestic Is Your Name
M. Smith

Marina Thomas

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

*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

Ministers	Each one of us
Pastor	Rev. John Song
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgists	Febe Avitua, Mark Sorensen
Greeters	Harry & Clarice Wiggins
Head Usher	Bob Culbertson
Communion Stewards	Bob Culbertson, Laura Andrade Sorensen
Tech Team	Antonio Pantaleón, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano
Nursery Attendants	Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis

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., Oct. 2	10:00 am	World Communion Sunday / LEGO Sunday
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Tue., Oct. 4	5:00 pm	National Night Out, Back Parking Lot
Thu., Oct. 6	4:00 pm	Food for Children, Back Parking Lot
Sat., Oct. 8	8:00 am	Pajaro Valley CROP Hunger Walk, Front of the Church
Sun., Oct. 9	10:00 am	COPA Sunday / LEGO Sunday
		Tim McManus, Director of COPA preaching
		Mayra Bernabe, Children's Time
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	11:45 am	Wats. Journey to Hope Mtg., St. Stephen's Room

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Baptism, Membership, Wedding, Funeral, and Pastoral Counseling are available.