

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

## The Blessing of Animals Sunday

Sunday, October 16, 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 Norma Luciano.

### Words of Meditation

“When you are raising farm animals  
allow them to have good life before eating them.”

~ A conscientious local farmer

“Mr. Duffy lived short distance from his body.”

~ The opening line from Dubliners (published in 1914)  
by James Joyce, the early 20th century Irish novelist

*(\*Please stand if you are able)*

**Prelude**

*I Am Loved*

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**

**\*Responsive Prayer**

God created us and placed us on the earth  
to be stewards of all living things,  
therefore let us proclaim the glory of our Creator, saying:

**O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.**

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you create the animals  
and give us the ability to train them to help us in our work.

**O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.**

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; for the sake of our comfort  
you give us domestic animals as companions.

**O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.**



**(Chorus)**

4. Singin' in the nighttime, singin' in the day  
Little duck quacks and he's on his way  
The possum ain't got so much to say  
And the porcupine talks to himself (mumbling)
  
5. Simple song of love and care  
With the ox and fox and grizzly bear  
The grumpy alligator and the hawk above  
Sly raccoon and the turtle dove (cooing)

**(Chorus)**

**Blessing of Animals**

\*People who want their animals blessed, please line up in the center isle.

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

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**

*In Times Like These*  
R. Jones

Marina Thomas

**Presentation of Offering**

**\*Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #95  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Offertory Prayer (In unison)**

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. Amen.

**\*Recessional Song**

*God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*

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**\*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.

*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**

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	Marjorie Martinez

***Upcoming Opportunities!***

**The 170<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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

**Reception of New Members Service:** November 13, 10 am worship

**J2Hope:** Sun. Dec. 4, 11:45 am, St. Stephen’s room

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

**Calendar for the Week**

Sun., Oct. 16	10:00 am	<b>Blessing of Animals Sunday</b>
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Sat., Oct. 22	11:00 am	<b>170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration &amp; Luncheon</b>
Sun., Oct. 23	10:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

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