

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door

All Hallow's Eve Sunday

Día de los Muertos

The Day of the Dead Celebration

Sunday, October 30, 2022, 10 am

The Veils Are Thin: Connecting to the Other Side

Nearly every culture has celebrated this time in their own unique ways! We will be honoring and celebrating "All Hallow's Eve", "The Day of the Dead". Mexican culture celebrates the Day of the Dead by gathering around the gravesite to honor and remember the dead. They acquaint themselves with the reality of death as part of the fabric of life.

We invite you to pass the veils between the worlds. In this meeting place of "between" the world where the living and the dead intersect to celebrate the mysterious and magical place of the Kingdom of God. The Christian belief in the "Communion of Saints" is an acknowledgment of the reality of the living communing with the ancestors.

*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

"You learn more at a funeral than at a feast.

After all, that's where we'll end up.

We might discover something from it."

- Ecclesiastes 7:2 (The Message)

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Love Was When
D. Wyrzten

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**

***Litany in Unison** *Everything Has Its Season* (Ecclesiastes 3:1-5)

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, **and a time to die;**

a time to plant, **and a time to harvest;**

a time to kill, **and a time to heal;**

a time to break down, **and a time to build up;**

a time to weep, **and a time to laugh;**

a time to mourn, **and a time to dance;**

a time to keep, **and a time to release;**

a time to hang on, **and a time to let go;**

For everything there is a season,

and a time for every matter under heaven. Amen

***Gathering Song**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Children’s Time

“**The Hunchback of Notre-Dame**”

Pastor John

Hebrew Readings

Genesis 3:19b

“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Ecclesiastes 7:2

“It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting,
for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart.”

Luke 12:13-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Children’s Piano Recital

Febe, Elizabeth, Isaiah

(Under the tutelage of Piano Teacher, 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: Marjorie Martinez & Marieta Flores

*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
Message	Uninvited Visitors
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 & Marieta Flores

Upcoming Opportunities!

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. 30	10:00 am	All Hallows' Eve Sunday / Día de los Muertos
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thur. Nov 3	4:00 pm	Food for Children , church parking lot
Sun., Nov. 6	10:00 am	All Saints Sunday with Holy Communion *(Fall-back 1 hr: Daylight Saving Time ends)
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	11:50 am	Leadership Council Meeting, St. Stephen's Room

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