

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.*

Season of Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 9, 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.

This Sunday is *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

Elie Wiesel accepting the Nobel Peace Prize in December 11, 1986

“Take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim.
Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.”

The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference.
The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference.
The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference.
And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.

~ Elie Wiesel (1928–2016), the Holocaust survivor,
writer, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986

“What we would like to do is change the world – make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe and shelter themselves as God intended them to do. We repeat, there is nothing we can do but love, and, dear God, please enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor, to love our enemy as our friend.”

~ Dorothy Day

(*Please stand if you are able)

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**

*Call to Worship (Responsive) *Psalm 85*

Leader: Where love and faithfulness will meet;

People: Justice and peace will embrace one another.

Leader: Wisdom will spring up from the ground

People: and truth will come down from the sky.

Leader: You will guide our footsteps upon the path of peace

People: As we recognize with open hearts that you are our peace.

*Gathering Song

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

FWS #2223

Children's Time

“All Things Are Possible”

Mayra Bernabe

[Mayra Bernabe is a native of Watsonville, and a longtime participant and volunteer of Watsonville FUMC since 2007. Some of her earlier involvement includes: Vacation Bible School, the Watsonville Music Program, & the handbell choir amongst others. A recipient of the Watsonville Journey to Hope scholarship, she has a BA in Sociology with an emphasis in Community Change, and a minor in Applied Computing for Social and Behavioral Sciences from San Jose State University. Prior to her role now, Mayra directed the Watsonville NETworX Program, one of the church's outreach programs, serving low-income families.

Since 2019, Mayra has been an organizer with the Industrial Areas Foundation, where she trains leaders to develop their capacity to work on issues affecting their families. Her primary organizing work is in the Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties (COPA - Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action), but this year also started working with leaders in the Silicon Valley who are building a new IAF organization. Through her work in COPA, she is able to continue making meaningful lasting positive changes in the Central Coast and beyond.]

Hebrew Readings

Numbers 13:1-2, 17-33; 14:1-38

Nehemiah 2:11-20

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Litany

Blues
by Langston Hughes

Emily Sinclair, Soprano

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

Message

“The Power of Imagination”

Tim McManus

[Tim McManus has been an organizer with the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) since 2009. The IAF is the nation's oldest and largest community organizing network. Tim has worked with IAF organizations in Dallas (Dallas Area Interfaith), Phoenix (Valley Interfaith Project), and since 2013 here in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties (COPA – Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action). COPA is a broad-based organization of 25 member institutions that work together on issues including safety, education, health care, housing, immigration, and economic development. In addition to Tim's work with COPA, he is Supervisor for the IAF work in Phoenix, and is working with clergy and leaders in Fresno to build a new IAF organization. Prior to organizing, Tim taught high school for 8 years in Dallas, Dublin (Ireland), and Boston where he's from. He has a BA in Theology from Boston College, and a Master of Education from Notre Dame.]

Hymn *Seek Ye First* #405

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 *We Will Glorify* Marina Thomas
T. Paris

***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**

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 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* FWS #2153

***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 *There is Strength in the Name of the Lord* 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

*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

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| Pastor | Rev. John Song |
| Guest Speaker | Tim McManus, COPA Director |
| Children's Time | Mayra Bernabe, COPA Organizer |
| Special Music | Emily Sinclair, Soprano |
| 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!

United Methodist Women: Thu. Oct. 13, 12:00 pm, St. Stephen's room

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

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| Sun., Oct. 9 | 10:00 am | COPA Sunday / LEGO Sunday |
| | 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 |
| Thu., Oct. 13 | 12:00 pm | UMW Meeting, St. Stephen's Room |
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| | 11:40 am | Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary |

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