

# 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.*

## **Service of Reception of New Members**

Sunday, November 13, 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 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**

#### **A Wesleyan Way of Living: Three Simple Rules**

**“Do no harm,  
do good work,  
and daily commune with God.”**

“Only thing that matters at the end of the day is  
how well I love God and others.”

~ John Wesley, the founder of Methodism

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

**Prelude**

*Pass It On*  
K. Kaiser

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**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Lord, open our lips and we will proclaim your praise.

**People: We arise today, through God's strength to power us:**

Leader: God's way to set us on the right path,

**People: God's loving gaze to affirm us,**

Leader: God's ear to hear us,

**People: God's wisdom to guide us,**

Leader: God's shield to protect us from snares of devils,

**People: God's hand to lift us when we fall,**

Leader: God's grace to sustain us,

All: **God's host to bring us joy. Amen.**

**\*Gathering Song**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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**Children's Time**

Pastor John

**Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 43:1-3, 10, 18-19**

Thus says the Lord, who created you, who formed you.

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name and you belong to me.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

When you cross the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (vs. 1-3)

You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servants whom I have chosen,

So that you may know and believe me and understand that I am who I am. (v. 10)

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music**

*Fantasia*

Marina Thomas

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

**Message**

**FIVE PROMISES:**

Rev. John Song

“I will faithfully participate in its ministries by  
**Prayer, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness**”

**Service of Reception of New Members**

Presentation of Candidates for Membership: **Holly Battle, Karen Baker**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE**

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism

we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price..

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Since the earliest times, the vows of Christian baptism have consisted first of the renunciation of all that is evil and then the profession of faith and loyalty to Christ.

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

**I will.**

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your **prayers**, your **presence**, your **gifts**, your **service**, and your **witness**?

**I will.**

## **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness,**

**that they may grow in their trust of God,  
and be found faithful in their service to others.  
We will pray for them,  
that they may be true disciples  
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith stated in *The Apostles' Creed* as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in **God the Father**?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in **Jesus Christ**?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
[who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]**

Do you believe in the **Holy Spirit**?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
[the holy universal church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.]**

## **COMMENDATION AND WELCOME**

Members of the household of God,  
I commend these persons to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase their faith,  
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

*The congregation responds:*

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.  
As members together with you  
in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation  
of The United Methodist Church,**



## Postlude

*We Gather Together*  
Arr. F. Bock

Marina Thomas

*We warmly invite everyone to a delicious cup of quality coffee,  
refreshments and fellowship in the Social Hall following worship.*

Today's refreshments: Norma Luciano

\*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
Liturgists	Tahja Martinez, Febe Avitua, Mark Sorensen
Greeters	Harry & Clarice Wiggins
Head Usher	Marieta Flores
Tech Team	Antonio Pantaleón, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano
Nursery Attendants	Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis
Coffee Hour	Norma Luciano

### *Upcoming Opportunities!*

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

**Church/Charge Conference:** Sat. Dec. 10, 10 am, Sanctuary  
[Rev. Clyde Vaughn will preside over our Charge Conference.]

**All Church Leaders Planning Day:** Sat. Jan. 28, 9 am – 12 pm, St. Stephen's room

**All Church Clean & Organize Day:** Sat. Feb. 25, 2023, 9 am – 12 pm

### Calendar for the Week

Sun., Nov. 13	10:00 am	<b>Receptions of New Members Sunday</b>
		LEGO Sunday
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Sun., Nov. 20	10:00 am	<b>Thanksgiving Sunday, LEGO Sunday</b>
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:30 am	Decorating the Sanctuary & Social Hall for X-Mas!
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

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