

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday, January 15, 2023, 10 am

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.

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

God of All My Days

Marina Thomas

Bringing in the Light

Welcome & the Life of the Church

Rev. John Song

***Passing of Peace** (Wave to your neighbors near you with “**Peace of Christ be with you.**”)

***Collective 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 Thy hands.

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you create the animals and insects of the earth
and give us the ability to live with them in harmony.

O God, how wonderful are the works of Thy hands.

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; for the sake of our survival and sustenance
you give us streams, lakes, and seas where there is abundance of life.

O God, how wonderful are the works of Thy hands.

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you care for us
even as you care for the birds of the air.

O God, how wonderful are the works of Thy hands.

**Teach us the way, O Lord of the Universe; to live in alignment with Your
deepest desire for our lives and all God’s creation. Amen**

***Gathering Song**

For the Beauty of the Earth

#92 (vs. 1, 4, 5, 6)

Children’s Time

“**The Flood and The Noah’s Ark**”

Pastor John

Rise and Shine

Chorus:

Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory!

Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory!
Rise and shine and (clap once) give God your glory, glory!
(Raise hands to shoulder level and sway back and forth.)
Children of the Lord.

v 1 The Lord said to Noah, “There's gonna be a floody, floody.”
Lord said to Noah, “There's gonna be a floody, floody.”
“Get those children (clap once) out of the muddy, muddy!”
Children of the Lord.

v 2 So Noah, he built him, he built him an arky, arky.
Noah, he built him, he built him an arky, arky.
Made it out of (clap once) hickory barky, barky.
Children of the Lord.

v 3 The animals, they came on, they came on by twosies, twosies.
The animals, they came on, they came on by twosies, twosies.
Elephants and (clap once) kangaroosies, roosies.
Children of the Lord.

Chorus

v 4 It rained, and poured, for forty daysies, daysies.
Rained, and poured, for forty daysies, daysies.
Nearly drove those (clap once) animals crazy, crazy.
Children of the Lord.

v 5 The sun came out and dried up the landy, landy.
Sun came out and dried up the landy, landy.
Everything was (clap once) fine and dandy, dandy.
Children of the Lord.

v 6 Now that is the end, the end of my story, story.
That is the end, the end of my story, story.
Everything is (clap once) hunky dory, dory.
Children of the Lord.

Chorus

Hebrew Reading

Genesis 6:1-8

The Wickedness of Humans

1 When people began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born to them, 2 the sons of God saw that they were fair, and they took wives for themselves of all that they chose. 3 Then the Lord said, “My spirit shall not abide in mortals forever, for they are flesh; their days shall be one hundred twenty years.” 4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went in to the daughters of humans, who bore children to them. These were the heroes that were of old, warriors of renown.

5 The Lord saw that the wickedness of humans was great in the earth and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. 6 And the Lord was

sorry that he had made humans on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. 7 So the Lord said, “I will blot out from the earth the humans I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air—for I am sorry that I have made them.” 8 But Noah found favor in the sight of the Lord.

Reading of the Prophet **Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**

“It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant,
to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel.
I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem *God Hath Not Promised*
Music: Alfred B. Smith, Words: Annie Johnson Flint

Message **Replacing Adam Project with Noah Project** Rev. John Song
Part 1) **“The Flood”**

Hymn *Seek Ye First* #405 (2x)

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

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 Ground* 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.

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

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** *This Is My Father’s World* #144

***Benediction**

[*This ends 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

Only King Forever

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: 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
Liturgists	Tahja Martinez, Febe Avitua, Mark Sorensen
Greeters	Harry & Clarice Wiggins
Head Usher	Marieta Flores
Tech Team	Antonio Pantaleón, Stephane Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano
Nursery Attendants	Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis
Coffee Hour	Marjorie Martinez, Marieta Flores

Calendar for the Week

Sun., Jan. 15	10:00 am	Third Sunday of Epiphany
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
Sun., Jan. 22	10:00 am	LEGO Sunday
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:30 am	30 Minute Conversation with Pastor, St. Stephen's room

Up-coming Opportunities

30 Minute Conversation with Pastor on All Things Faith & Christian Living
Begins Sunday, Jan. 22, 11:30 am – 12 pm, during Coffee Hour, St. Stephen's room

Winter Dinner Program @ Salvation Army: Fri. Jan. 27, 5 pm

All Church Leaders Planning Day: Sat. Jan. 28, 9:30 am – 12 pm, St. Stephen's

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Office Hours: Tue-Thu 9 am – 5 pm, Fri 9 am – 12 pm (Closed for lunch 12-1 pm)

Pastor Office Hours: Tue – Thu 10 am – 12 pm, 3 pm – 5 pm

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