

# Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

## Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday, January 22, 2023, 10 am

**This Sunday is *In-Person Lego Sunday!***

First, children will be in worship. Following the Special Music, our Sunday School teacher, Joan Culbertson, will lead our children to the Nursery Room.

**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.

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

**Prelude**

*In His Time*

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.**”)

**\*Centering Breath**

**\*Litany in Unison**

*Psalm 40:1-3*

I waited patiently for the Lord;  
He turned to me and heard my cry.  
He lifted me out of the desolate pit,  
out of the mud and mire.  
He set my feet upon a rock,  
and gave me a firm place to stand.  
He put a new song in my heart,  
a song of praise to our God.

**\*Gathering Song**

*Sanctuary*

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**Hebrew Reading**

**Genesis 7:1-5, 11-23**

*Go Into the Ark!*

7 Then the Lord said to Noah, “**Go into the ark**, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. 2 Take with you seven pairs of all **clean animals**, the male and its mate; and a pair of the **animals that are not clean**, the male and its mate; 3 and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, **to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth.** 4 For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.” 5 And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

*God Shuts Noah in the Ark*

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day **all the fountains of the great deep burst forth**, and the **windows of the heavens were opened**. 12 The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. 13 On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, 14 they and every wild animal of every kind and all domestic animals of every kind and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth and every bird of every kind. 15 **They went into the ark with Noah**, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. 16 And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him, and the **Lord shut him in**.

*God Blots Out All Living Things*

17 The flood continued forty days on the earth, and the waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. 18 The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. 19 The waters swelled so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered; 20 the waters swelled above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. 21 And **all flesh died that moved on the earth**, birds, domestic animals, wild animals, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all human beings; 22 **everything on dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died**. 23 **He blotted out every living thing** that was on the face of the ground, human beings and animals and creeping things and birds of the air; they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left and those with him in the ark.

**Psalm Readings**

**Psalm 142** (*The Message*)

*David Prays for Deliverance in the Cave*

I cry out loudly to God,  
loudly I plead with God for mercy.  
I spill out all my complaints before him,  
and spell out my troubles in detail:  
"As I sink in despair, my spirit ebbing away,  
you know how I'm feeling,  
I'm up against the wall, with no exit—  
it's just me, all alone.  
I cry out to God:  
'You're my last chance, my only hope for life!'  
Oh listen, please listen;  
I've never been this low.  
Get me out of this prison!

**Psalm 32:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.  
<sup>7</sup> You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

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

**Special Music**

*Why Me Lord*  
Words & Music by Kris Kristofferson

John Song, solo

[By the early 1970s, Kris Kristofferson was one of the biggest names in Nashville and country music. But it was this classic country gospel song “*Why Me Lord*” that would become the biggest hit of his career. The song reached Number 1 on the Billboard Hot Country songs list (the only solo number one of his career). It was also a certified gold record.

The song was written by Kristofferson during a low period in his life. He was inspired by a profound religious experience he had at a worship service. Kristofferson said, “I carried around a big load of guilt from my past. I knelt and I was just out of control, crying. It was a release. It really shook me up.” “*Why Me Lord*” is about a man who, after living a wayward life and lost, was now ready to come to the Lord and humble himself before Jesus.]

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

**Message**

**Replacing Adam Project with Noah Project  
Part 2) “The Ark”**

Rev. John Song

**Hymn**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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**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**

*Jesus, Name Above All Names*

Marina Thomas

**Presentation of Offering****\*Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*

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**\*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**

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

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**\*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)

**Postlude**

*Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

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
Usher	Laura Andrade Sorensen
Tech Team	Antonio Pantaleón, Stephane Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano
Nursery Attendants	Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis
Coffee Hour	Marjorie Martinez

### **Calendar for the Week**

Sun., Jan. 22	10:00 am	<b>LEGO Sunday</b>
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:30 am	<b>30 Minute Conversation with Pastor</b> , St. Stephen's room
Fri., Jan 27	5:00 pm	<b>Winter Dinner Program @ Salvation Army</b>
Sat., Jan. 28	9:30 am	<b>All Church Leaders Planning Day</b> , St. Stephen's room
Sun., Jan. 29	10:00 am	<b>Sunday Worship</b>
	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 Life**  
(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**

**Winter Dinner Program @ Salvation Army: Fri. Feb. 24, 5 pm**

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

**Lenten Day Retreat: Sat. March 18, 10 am – 4 pm by Dr. Peter Coster**

**Winter Dinner Program @ Salvation Army: Fri. March 24, 5 pm**

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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*