

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

*Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door*

**Fifth Sunday of Epiphany  
with Holy Communion**

Sunday, February 5, 2023, 10 am

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.*

**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.

**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**

"Our brokenness shapes us but does not define us."

~ Marilyn Jones

"Although I am not God, I am not other than God.

Although I am not you, I am not other than you."

~ James Finley

"My deepest me is God!"

~ St. Catherine of Genoa (1447–1510)

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

**Prelude**

*Walk Worthy*

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**

**\*Prayer in Unison**

God, Lord of all creation, lover of life and of everything, please help us to love in our very small way what You love infinitely and everywhere. We thank You that we can offer just this one prayer and that will be more than enough, because in reality every thing and every one is connected, and nothing stands alone. To pray for one part is really to pray for the whole, and so we do. Help us each day to stand for love, for healing, for the good, for the diverse unity of the Body of Christ and all creation, because we know this is what You desire: as Jesus prayed, that all may be one. We offer our prayer together with all the holy names of God, we offer our prayer together with Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**\*Gathering Song**

*How Great Thou Art*

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**Children’s Time**

**“The Story of St. Seraphim and the Bear”**

Pastor John

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

**Hebrew Reading**

**Genesis 7:1-3, 12-16**

*Go Into the Ark!*

1 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.**

*God Shuts Noah in the Ark*

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.**

**Genesis 8:13-16**

*Coming Out of the Ark*

13 In the six hundred first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth, and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked and saw that the face of the ground was drying. 14 In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. 15 Then **God said to Noah**, 16 “**Go out of the ark.**”

**Psalm Reading**

**Psalm 42:1-3**

*Thirst for God*

<sup>1</sup> As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.  
<sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.  
When shall I come and behold  
the face of God?  
<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while people say to me continually,  
“Where is your God?”

**Prophet Reading**

**Jeremiah 29:1-14a**

“When you search for me, you will find me;  
if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me,” says the Lord.

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Message**

**Replacing Adam Project with Noah Project  
Part 4) “The Ark: Darkness Before Light”**

Rev. John Song

**Hymn**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

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**Celebration of Holy Communion / Celebración de la Santa Comunión**

The Lord be with you. / *El Señor sea con ustedes.*

**And also with you. / *Y también contigo.***

Lift up your hearts. / *Elevemos los corazones.*

**We lift them up to the Lord. / *Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. / *Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise. / *Es justo darle gracias y alabanza.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you.

Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. In the fullness of time you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior, and at his birth the angels sang glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**(The Faith we Sing #2007, “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”)**

**(The Faith We Sing #2007, “SANTO, SANTO, SANTO”)**

**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!**

**My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!**

***Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!  
Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres, Señor!***

Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ.  
*Santo eres Tú, y bendito sea Jesucristo.*

As your Word became flesh, born of Mary, on that night long ago so, on the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

*Como tu Palabra se hizo carne, nació de María, en esa noche hace mucho tiempo, en la noche que se entregó por nosotros, tomó pan, dio gracias, lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos diciendo:*

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

*“Tomen, coman; esto es mi cuerpo dado por ustedes. Hagan esto en memoria de mí”.*

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
*Después de la cena, tomó la copa, y después de haber dado gracias, la dio a sus discípulos, diciendo:*

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

*“Beban de ella, todos ustedes; ésta es mi sangre del nuevo pacto, derramada por ustedes y por muchos para el perdón de los pecados. Hagan esto todas las veces que la beben, en memoria de mí”.*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*Y así, recordando tus actos poderosos en Cristo Jesús, nos ofrecemos en alabanza y agradecimiento como un sacrificio santo y vivo, en unión con la ofrenda de Cristo por nosotros, mientras proclamamos el misterio de la fe.*

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.  
*Cristo ha muerto; Cristo ha resucitado; Cristo vendrá de nuevo.***

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Creator, now and forever. Amen.

### **Sharing of the bread and the cup**

(The congregation is invited to come forward to share in communion of the bread and the cup.  
The United Methodist Church practices open Communion. All are invited, including children,

to come forward in the middle aisle in two lines to receive the Communion. If you wish to receive the Communion at your seat, please raise your hand or ask one of the ushers.)

**Se comparten el pan y la copa**

*(Se invita a la congregación compartir la comunión del pan y de la copa.)*

**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**

*Because He Lives*

Marina Thomas

**Presentation of Offering**

**\*Hymn to the Trinity**

*Gloria Patri* (Glory to the Father)

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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**

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**

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

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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)

- a. 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.
- b. Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga tu reino; hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbanos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo el poder y la gloria por siempre. Amen.

**Postlude**

*Victory in Jesus*

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 & 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
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgists	Tahja Martinez, Febe Avitua, Mark Sorensen
Spanish Reader	Laura Andrade Sorensen
Greeters	Harry & Clarice Wiggins
Head Usher	Marieta Flores
Communion Stewards	Marieta Flores, Laura Andrade Sorensen
Tech Team	Antonio Pantaleón, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano
Nursery Attendants	Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis
Coffee Hour	Marjorie Martinez, Marieta Flores

### **Calendar for the Week**

Sun., Feb. 5	10:00 am	<b>Holy Communion Sunday/ LEGO Sunday</b>
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:30 am	<b>30 Minute Conversation with Pastor</b> , St. Stephen's room
Sun., Feb. 12	10:00 am	<b>Valentine's Day Sunday / Souper Bowl of Caring</b> LEGO Sunday
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:30 am	<b>30 Minute Conversation with Pastor</b> , St. Stephen's room

### ***Opportunities***

#### **Lenten Day Retreat** with Dr. Peter Coster

**What to do with ANGER: Understanding Our Sacred Emotion**

**Sat. March 18, 10 am – 3:30 pm**

(9:30 am Pre-registration; 12 pm – 1 pm Lunch provided)

Cost for members: \$10. Scholarships available. No one will be turned away.

**30 Minute Conversation with Pastor on All Things Faith & Christian Life**  
(Every Sunday, 11:30 am – 12 pm, during Coffee Hour, St. Stephen's room)

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

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