

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

The Last Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday, February 19, 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.

Today’s altar flowers are dedicated by Marieta Flores.

Words of Meditation

“No matter how far you have gone on the wrong road, turn back.”
~ Turkish Proverb

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude *Here I Am, Lord* 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**

***Call to Worship in 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** *This Is the Day* #657 (2x)

Children’s Time “**Let’s Build an Ark!**” Pastor John

Hebrew Reading

Genesis 8:1-22

The Ark Rest on the Mountain of Ararat

But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; 2 the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, 3 and the waters gradually receded from the earth. At the end of one hundred fifty days the waters had abated, 4 and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. 5 The waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared.

Sending Out Raven and Dove

6 At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made 7 and sent out the raven, and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. 8 Then he sent out the dove from him to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground, 9 but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. 10 He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark, 11 and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. 12 Then he waited another seven days and sent out the dove, and it did not return to him any more.

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, you and your wife and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. 17 Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” 18 So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. 19 And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

God’s Promise to Noah

20 Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 And when the Lord smelled the pleasing odor, the Lord said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of humans, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done.

22 As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,
summer and winter, day and night
shall not cease.”

Special Music

If I Needed You

Duet: Brandon & Trisha Kett

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
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. 19	10:00 am	Worship
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:30 am	30 Minute Conversation with Pastor , St. Stephen's room
Wed., Feb. 22	10 am–5 pm	Ash Wednesday: Imposition of Ashes in Parking Lot
Sat., Feb. 25	9 am–12 pm	All Church Clean & Organize Day
Sun., Feb. 26	10:00 am	First Sunday of Lent Worship
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:30 am	30 Minute Conversation with Pastor , St. Stephen's room

Opportunities

All Church Clean & Organize Day

This Sat. Feb. 25, 2023, 9 am – 12 pm

We will gather this Sat. at 9 am to clean and organize our church as we enter into Lenten season in preparation for Easter. There will be a team of people who will organize the workday. Bring your cleaning stuff in a bucket and let's give it a go!

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

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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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