

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church
Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 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* back in the narthex.

Prayer Candles are located back at the narthex for anyone who wants to light a candle for someone or something and offer it to God in prayer.

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.

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.

Today’s altar flowers are dedicated by Marieta Flores.

Words of Meditation

“The way we would begin in prayer is that we belong to God. And all the prayer starts and unfolds out of that knowing that we belong to God. We are trying to get past the topic of prayer to this deep experience that we belong to God. We are God’s beloved. Renewing our faith that we are sitting there in God’s presence, God is all about us and within us, closer to us than we are to ourselves.”

~ Thomas Merton

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude *Mercy Tree* 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**

The practice of Chanting the **Names of Jesus Christ** is invoking the **indwelling Presence of Christ** within you and within all of us.

Jesus Christ
You are my Lord
You abide in me (v. 2) I abide in you

***Opening Prayer** (In unison)

Message

Rendezvous with God
Part 3) “**Sign of the Cross 3.0**”

Rev. John Song

Hymn in Response

Change My Heart, O God

FWS 2152 (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

Take My Life

Marina Thomas

***Hymn to the Trinity**

Gloria Patri (Glory to the Father)

#70

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.

Presentation of Offering

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Accept our gifts from our hearts, O God, and dedicating our lives in tipping the world toward love and justice by following the Way of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Amen.

***Recessional Song**

Here I Am Lord

#593

***Benediction** [*This ends the 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

Gather Us In

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
Pianist
Choir Leader
Soloist
Liturgists

Rev. John Song
Marina Thomas
Carmelita Abenoja
Dr. Emily Sinclair
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	Marjorie Martinez, Marieta Flores

Calendar for the Week

Sun., March 19	10:00 am	Fourth Lent / UMCOR Sunday LEGO Sunday School
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:30 am	30 Minute Conversation with Pastor , St. Stephen's room
Mon., March 20	1-3 pm	Sewing Group , St. Stephen's room
Fri., March 24	4:30 pm	Winter Dinner Program , Salvation Army
Sat., March 25	3:00 pm	COPA Housing Civic Academy , Social Hall
Sun., March 26	10:00 am	Fifth Lent
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:30 am	30 Minute Conversation with Pastor , St. Stephen's room
	12:00 pm	Community Garden meeting , Social Hall

Opportunities

Day Retreat with Dr. Peter Coster

What to do with ANGER: Understanding Our Sacred Emotion

Sat. April 29, 10 am – 3:30

(9:30 am Check-in; 12 pm – 1 pm Lunch provided)

Cost for members & friends of the church: \$10 Students, Staff & anyone under 30: FREE

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

The **Sewing Group** meets **every Monday from 1-3 pm** in **St. Stephen's Room**. There are lots of supplies. All are welcome! For more information please contact Carol Parker.

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

COPA Housing Civic Academy: Sat. March 25, 3:00 pm @ Wats1st UMC

Community Garden Gardeners 1st meeting: Sun. March 26, 12 noon, Social Hall

Leadership Council: Sun. April 2, 11:45 am, St. Stephen's room

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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