

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door

We are a publicly declared **Reconciling Congregation** and a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network that advocates and works for a truly all-inclusive church. As a Christian community, we lean in on radical inclusion welcoming to humans of all races, genders, and sexual orientations who are affirmed and accepted as a full participant in the life and work of this United Methodist congregation.

Our Purpose

*Watsonville First United Methodist Church
invites all to experience the love of God
and be on a transformative journey
following the Way of Jesus Christ.*

Eastertide

Sunday, April 30, 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.

Today’s altar flowers are dedicated by Marieta Flores.

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Words of Meditation

“Be angry, but sin not.
Do not let the sun go down on your anger,
and do not make room for the devil.”

~ Ephesians 4:26-27

“If you are patient in one moment of anger,
you will escape a hundred days of sorrow.”

~ Chinese Proverb

Prelude

Blessed Assurance

Marina Thomas

Bringing in the Light

Welcome & the Life of the Church

Rev. John Song

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

*Centering Breath

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, open our lips and we will proclaim your praise.

People: We arise today, through God's strength to power us:

Leader: God's way to set us on the right path,

People: God's loving gaze to affirm us,

Leader: God's ear to hear us,

People: God's wisdom to guide us,

Leader: God's shield to protect us from snares of devils,

People: God's hand to lift us when we fall,

Leader: God's grace to sustain us,

All: **God's host to bring us joy. Amen.**

*Gathering Song

Be Thou My Vision

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Children's Time

"What to Do When I Am Angry"

Pastor John

*Gospel Readings

Mark 3:1-6

The Man with the Withered Hand

¹Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Mark 10:13-16

Jesus Blesses Little Children

¹⁴ People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

John 2:12-22

¹² After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples, and they remained there a few days.

Cleansing of the Temple

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their

tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”²⁰ The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

Choir Anthem

To Do the Father’s Will
Words & Music by Helen Griggs
Duet: Lynne E. Abenoja, Soprano & Febe A. Avitua, alto

Message

“The Divine Anger of Jesus”

Dr. Peter Coster

Hymn in Response

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Marina Thomas

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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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**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

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***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

All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name

Marina Thomas

We warmly invite everyone to a delicious cup of good 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
Preaching	Dr. Peter Coster
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Liturgists	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., April 30	10:00 am	Worship Service Guest Preacher: Dr. Peter Coster on "The Divine Anger of Jesus"
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:30 am	30 Minute Conversation w Dr. Coster , St. Stephen's room
Mon., May 1	1-3 pm	Sewing Group , St. Stephen's room
Thu., May 4	4:00 pm	Food for Children , Back Parking Lot
Sun., May 7	10:00 am	Communion Sunday/ LEGO Sunday
	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

Memorial Service of Betty Rather: Sat. May 13, 10 am with Reception following

The 20th Anniversary COPA Convention: Sat. May 20, 5 pm, Golden State Theatre
(417 Alvarado St, Monterey, CA 93940)

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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