

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.

Whoever you are...
whatever you've done,
whoever you love,
and **wherever you are in your journey of faith...**
whatever you believe
or whatever you don't believe,
You are welcome here!

Our Vision and Purpose

Our Vision

*Tipping the world toward love and justice
in alignment with God's deepest desire
for our lives and all God's creation.*

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, May 21, 2023, 10 am

This Sunday is 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* 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

“God is a presence that protects us from nothing,
yet unexplainably sustains us in all things.”

~ James Finley

It's a fallacy to think that this is my life. It's not my life. It's God's life.
I came into this world with nothing. I will depart from this world with nothing.
Everything I have is borrowed from God, including my body that holds my soul
for a while on earth to manifest itself in the world.”

~ John Song

Prelude

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Marina Thomas

Bringing in the Light

Welcome & the Life of the Church

Rev. John Song

***Greet One Another!** (Wave to your neighbors near 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,

People: Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer.

**By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ into new life.**

***Gathering Song**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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Epistle Reading

Galatians 2:19-20

“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Romans 8:8-11

“It stands to reason, doesn’t it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he’ll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to Himself?”

***Gospel Reading**

John 10:10

“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Marina Thomas, Piano Solo

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

Message

**All Things RESURRECTION:
Part 3) “Live and Be Resurrection”**

Rev. John Song

Hymn in Response

Because He Lives

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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

Holy, Holy, Holy

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**

We come before you, O Lord, dedicating our gifts and our lives in your service. In gratefulness for calling us as your own, we offer you our thanks and praise. Receive our pledges and the gifts of our hands, and use them to bring light to the darkness and hope to places of despair and suffering, through our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Recessional Song**

God of Love and God of Power

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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

How Firm A Foundation

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

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| Pastor | Rev. John Song |
| Pianist | Marina Thomas |
| Choir Leader | Carmelita Abenoja |
| 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

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| Sun., May 21 | 10:00 am | Worship Service/ LEGO Sunday |
| | 11:10 am | Coffee Hour, Social Hall |
| | 11:30 am | 30 Minute Conversation with Pastor , St. Stephen's room |
| Mon., May 22 | 1-3 pm | Sewing Group , St. Stephen's room |
| Wed., May 24 | 3:00 pm | 1st VBS Planning Meeting , St. Stephen's room |
| Sun., May 28 | 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| | 11:10 am | Coffee Hour, Social Hall |
| | 11:45 am | J2Hope Foundation Meeting , St. Stephen's room |

Opportunities

**Holy Walkamolies: Point Lobos State Natural Reserve
Saturday, June 24.**

(Meet at the church parking lot at 9:00 am for carpool.)

Church Website: watsonville1stumc.org

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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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