

Lay Your Heart On My Soul

Lay your head on my pillow, um – uhm.
Lay your heart on my soul.

[A song from the African-American slaves. A mother grieving over her child when they were separated from the slave trade.]

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come! Be present in this place. Bring your body, mind and spirit.

People: Listen to the words of welcome to the gracious invitation to worship.

Leader: Know that this gathering is a gift where God's presence can meet you.

People: And to gather together in love.

Leader: To honor and show reverence to our mothers who have given us life and love.

People: For mothers who have nurtured and cared for us.

Leader: Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

People: Let our love for one another reflects the true and compassionate love of God shown to us through the gift of His son.

All: We come together unafraid, for we know that perfect love casts out fear.

***Gathering Song**

The Gift of Love

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Children's Time

"How Is God Like a Mother?"

Pastor John

Psalm Reading

Psalm 131:2 (*God as a Mother*)

"But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me."

Hebrew Reading

Deuteronomy 32:11-12

God described as a Mother Eagle

"Like the eagle that stirs up its nest, and hovers over its young,
God spreads wings to catch you, lifting them into the air, teaching them to fly."

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem

Thank you, Lord, for Mother's Dear

Words & Music by Joe E. Parks

Message

"Motherhood and Womanhood"

Rev. John Song

Hymn in Response

HOW COULD ANYONE (3X)

How could anyone ever tell you, you are anything less than beautiful?

How could anyone ever tell you, you are less than whole?

How could anyone fail to notice that your loving is a miracle?

How deeply you're connected to my soul!

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

We Gather Together

Marina Thomas

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #95
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

A Christian Home
Words by Barbara B. Hart

Tune: *Finlandia* #437

1. O, give us homes built firm upon the Savior,
Where Christ is Head and Counselor and Guide;
Where every child is taught His love and favor
And gives his heart to Christ, the Crucified:
How sweet to know that though his footsteps waver
His faithful Lord is walking by his side.
2. O, give us homes with godly fathers, mothers,
Who always place their hope and trust in Him;
Whose tender patience turmoil never bothers,
Whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim;
A home where each finds joy in serving others,
And love still shines, tho' days be dark and grim.
3. O, Lord, our God, our homes are Thine forever!
We trust to Thee their problems, toil and care:
Their bonds of love no enemy can sever
If Thou art always Lord and Master there:
Be Thou the center of our least endeavor –
Be Thou our guest our hearts and homes to share.
Amen

*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

Doxology

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
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

Sun., May 14	10:00 am	Mother's Day
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:30 am	30 Minute Conversation with Pastor , St. Stephen's room
Mon., May 15	1-3 pm	Sewing Group , St. Stephen's room
Sat., May 20	5:00 pm	COPA 20th Ann. Convention , Golden State Theatre (417 Alvarado St., Monterey, CA 93940)
Sun., May 21	10:00 am	LEGO Sunday
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:30 am	30 Minute Conversation with Pastor , St. Stephen's room

Opportunities

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

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Pastor Office Hours: Tue – Thu 10 am – 12 pm, 3 pm – 5 pm

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