

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door

Pentecost

Sunday, May 28, 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)*

Meaning of Pentecost

Pentecost Sunday falls on the 50th day after Easter. And this year, it falls on May 28th. The celebration of Pentecost is one of the most ancient celebration of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and Paul’s letter to the First Corinthians (16:8).

In Acts 2 recounts the story of the original Pentecost. Jews from all over were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast. On that Sunday, ten days after the Ascension of Christ, the apostles were gathered in the Upper Room, where they had seen Christ after His Resurrection:

Jesus had promised to his disciples that he would send the Holy Spirit after he departs from the world. And, on Pentecost, they were granted the gifts of the Spirit. On that day about 3,000 people were converted and baptized. That is why Pentecost is often call “the birthday of the church.”

So who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is God – as revealed in the Third Person of the Trinity. This Holy Spirit was promised to us by Jesus to be our personal guide and friend: “The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name...will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.” (John 14:26)

Come Holy Spirit, come!

Pentecost Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your
faithful. And kindle in
them the fire of your love.
Send forth your spirit and

they shall be created. And
you will renew the face of
the Earth.

Prelude

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”
D. Akers

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**

When the world divides us

Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

When the world makes us orphaned

Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

When the world leads us astray

Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come and fill us with your Love, Power, and Spirit!

***Gathering Song**

Holy, Holy, Holy

#64

Children’s Time

“Let’s Learn to Garden”

Pastor John

Hebrew Reading

Genesis 1:1-2 (NIV)

“¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the **Spirit of God** was hovering over the waters.”

Reading from Acts

Acts 2:1-4

The Day of Pentecost

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound a strong wind, gale force, and it filled the entire place where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”

***Gospel Reading**

John 20:19-23

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

“¹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “**Peace be with you.** As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “**Receive the Holy Spirit.**”

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music *Balm in Gilda's* Dr. Emily Sinclair, Solo
arranged by HT Burleigh

Message "Come, Holy Spirit!" Rev. John Song

Hymn Response *Spirit of the Living God* #393 (2x)

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

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 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Marina Thomas
Arr. F. Bock

***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.

***Offertory Prayer** (In unison)

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. 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 "Come, Holy Spirit" 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
Soloist	Dr. Emily Sinclair
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 28	10:00 am	Pentecost Sunday Worship
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:45 am	J2Hope Foundation Meeting , St. Stephen's room
Mon., May 29	1-3 pm	Sewing Group , St. Stephen's room
Tue., May 30	1:30 pm	Senior Nature Walk , 304 Ohlone Park Way
	3:00 pm	VBS Planning Meeting , St. Stephen's room
Thu., June 1	4:00 pm	Food for Children , Back Church Parking Lot
Sun., June 4	10:00 am	Graduation Sunday with Holy Communion
		LEGO Sunday
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:30 am	30 Minute Conversation with Pastor , St. Stephen's room

Opportunities

Mural Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Lunch by Freedom Rotary Tuesday, June 13th at 12:30 pm at the Flodberg Park

You can see the mural from our church parking lot across the Flodberg Park. We will be joined by the Watsonville First UMC congregation, as well as Friends of Watsonville Parks and Community Services. Please contact the church office (831) 724-4434 so that the Freedom Rotary can plan lunch for you.

Free Bilingual MENTAL HEALTH Workshop Sat. June 17, 2023, 12 pm – 2 pm @ Wats1st UMC

Facilitated by Dr. Hanna Song, PsyD & Santiago Gallegos, MS, CCC-SLP
All are welcome!

Holy Walkamolies: Point Lobos State Natural Reserve Saturday, June 24, 9 am – 1 pm

(All are welcome! Meet at the church parking lot at 9:00 am for carpool.)

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Office Hours: Tue-Thu 9 am – 5 pm, Fri 9 am – 12 pm (Closed for lunch 12-1 pm)