### 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.

# Celebration of the Independence Day

Sunday, July 2, 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.

#### Words of Meditation

"And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world so that you can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor."

~ Franciscan Benediction

"Let us be the ancestors our descendants will thank." ~ Howie Morningstar

(\*Please stand if you are able)

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Favorite Song of All
Dan Dean / Arr. Dean Hammerly

Holly Ota

#### Bringing in the Light

Prelude

#### Welcome & the Life of the Church

Dr. Haley Feuerbacher

We welcome Dr. Haley Feuerbacher this morning. Pastor John will return to office on July 5.

\*Passing of Peace (Wave to your neighbors near you with "Happy 4th of July!")

#### \*Unison Prayer

"For Our Country"

#429

O God, keep our whole country under your protection. Wipe out sin from this land; lift it up from the depth of sorrow, O Lord, our shining light. Save us from deep grief and misfortune, Lord of all nations. Bless us with your wisdom, so that the poor may not be oppressed, and the rich may not be oppressors. Make this a nation having no ruler except God, a nation having no authority but that of love. Amen.

\*Gathering Song

America

#697

Children's Time

Summer Children Music Festival

Mike Locke-Paddon

\*Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11

The Wedding at Cana

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come."⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ¹ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁶ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. ⁶ When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom ¹o and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

**Choir Anthem** 

America, The Beautiful
Lyrics by Katherine Lee Bates. Music by Samuel Ward.
Arranged by Ruth Elaine Schrarm

Message "Radical Joy" Dr. Haley Feuerbacher

**Unison Prayer in Response** 

Psalm 18

O compassionate one, You brought us forth into the light.

May we walk with you justly, with mercy and in peace, A mirror of your love in the world.

Yes, you are the light of our lives; you shine through our darkness.

Yes, with you we can do all things. you lead us to wholeness.

You teach us the way of justice, that we may speak out against oppression.

You delivered us from prejudice and intolerance; You opened our hearts to all nations and the poor; You lead us into harmony and wholeness.

May all peoples live in your truth, in the unity of peace forever. Amen.

**Hymn** God of the Ages #698

#### 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

Allemande, BWV 828 J.S. Bach

Holly Ota

\*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

America the Beautiful

#696

\*Benediction [\*This ends the Live Streaming]

Haley Feuerbacher

#### Prayers of the People

- a. Sharing of Joys & Concerns (Please raise your hand & mic will be given to you)
- b. Pastoral Prayer

Haley Feuerbacher

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** 

When I Can Read My Title Clear Traditional American / Arr. Page

Holly Ota

We warmly invite everyone to a delicious cup of 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**

Guest Preacher	Dr. Haley Feuerbacher	
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Pastor Rev. John Song Pianist Holly Ota

Choir Leader Carmelita Abenoja

Liturgist Tahja Martinez, Febe Avitua 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., July 2	10:00 am	Independence Day Sunday
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
Mon., July 3	1-3 pm	Sewing Group, St. Stephen's room
Tue., July 4		Happy 4th of July / OFFICE CLOSED
Thu., July 6	4:00 pm	Food for Children, Back Parking Lot
Sun., July 9	10:00 am 11:10 am	Worship Service Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:45am	J2Hope Board & Scholarship Committee, St. Stephen's room

<sup>\*</sup>Pastor John is away on vacation and will return to the office on July  $5^{\rm th}$ .

# **Opportunities**

## Meals for Pajaro Emergency Recovery Volunteers

A six person response team helping in housing in Pajaro will be staying at the church several weekends this summer. Carol and Richard Parker plan to fix them breakfast and a sack lunch. If you would like to bake cookies or muffins for their lunches or prepare an evening meal for them on Friday or Saturday, please talk to Carol or Richard to arrange details.

The dates will be July 28 & 29. Aug 11 & 12; Aug 25 & 26; Sept 8 & 9; Sept 22 & 23.

## Free MENTAL HEALTH Workshop in English

**Sat. July 29, 2023, 12 pm – 2 pm** @ Wats1st UMC

Facilitated by Dr. Hanna Song, PsyD & Santiago Gallegos, MS, CCC-SLP

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