

# 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)*

**Prelude**

*Favorite Song of All*  
Dan Dean / Arr. Dean Hammerly

Holly Ota

**Bringing in the Light**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**”)



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* Holly Ota  
J.S. Bach

**\*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* Holly Ota  
Traditional American / Arr. Page

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

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

## ***Opportunities***

### **Meals for Pajaro Emergency Recovery Volunteers**

A six person response team helping in housing in Pajaro will be staying at the church several week-ends 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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