Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Second Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday, June 11, 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.

Words of Meditation

"Don't fight the darkness —
stay connected to Christ, the bringer of light,
and darkness will disappear."
~ John Song

Make ready for the Christ,
Whose smile, like lightning,
Sets free the song of everlasting glory
That now sleeps, in your paper flesh, like dynamite.

 \sim Thomas Merton, "The Victory"

"Faith is a light of such supreme brilliance that it dazzles the mind and darkens all its visions of other realities, but in the end when we become used to the new light, we gain a new view of all reality transfigured and elevated in the light itself."

~ Thomas Merton, the 20th century American Trappist monk, writer, mystic, social activist

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Marina Thomas

Bringing in the Light

Welcome & the Life of the Church

AR Pointer

*Greet One Another! (Wave to your neighbors near you with "Peace of Christ be with you.")

*Call to Worship

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have

seen a great light.

People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,

on them light has shined.

Leader: We are that people. Christ is that light. **People:** For a child has been born for us.

God's own Son has been given to us.

Leader: He is called Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

People: His authority shall grow continually,

and there shall be endless peace through

his glorious reign.

All: Let the trees of the forest shout for joy.

Let heaven and nature sing!

*Gathering Song

Joy to the World

#246 (vs. 1, 2, 4)

*Gospel Reading

Mathew 25: 1-13

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

⁷ Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'

¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your God in heaven."

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

"My Fair Lady"
F. Loewe

Marina Thomas, piano solo

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

Message "Bring Your Oil Lamp" AR Pointer

Hymn Response Sweet, Sweet Spirit #334

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 "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul" Marina Thomas

*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 Shine, Jesus, Shine FWS #2173

*Benediction [*This ends the Live Streaming]

Prayers of the People

AR Pointer

- 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

*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

Preaching AR Pointer
Pianist Marina Thomas
Choir Leader Carmelita Abenoja

Liturgist Tahja Martinez, Febe Avitua Greeters Harry & Clarice Wiggins

Head Usher Bob Culbertson

Tech Team Antonio Pantaleón, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano

Nursery Attendants Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis

Coffee Hour Peter Telc, Holly Battle, Marjorie Martinez

(Pastor John is away on a retreat this weekend.)

Calendar for the Week

Sun., June 11	10:00 am 11:10 am	Worship Service/ LEGO Sunday Preaching: AR Pointer Coffee Hour, Social Hall
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Mon., June 12	1-3 pm 11am-12pm	Sewing Group, St. Stephen's room Summer Swim Lessons, YMCA
Tue., June 13	11am-12pm 12:30 pm	Summer Swim Lessons, YMCA Mural Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Flodberg Park
Wed., June 14	11am-12pm 3:00 pm	Summer Swim Lessons, YMCA VBS Planning Meeting, St. Stephen's room
Thu., June 15	11am-12pm	Summer Swim Lessons, YMCA
Sat., June 17	12:00 pm	Free Mental Health Workshop in Spanish, Social Hall
Sun., June 18	10:00 am 11:10 am	Father's Day Sunday Coffee Hour, Social Hall

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. If you plan to attend please contact the church office (831) 724-4434 so that the Freedom Rotary can plan a picnic lunch for you.

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 June 23 & 24; July 21 & 22; July 28 & 29 Aug 11 & 12; Aug 25 & 26; Sept 8 & 9; Sept 22 & 23.

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

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

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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