

# 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.

**Whoever you are...**  
whatever you've done,  
whoever you love,  
and **wherever you are in your journey of faith...**  
whatever you believe  
or whatever you don't believe,  
***You are welcome here!***

## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 25, 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

*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.

(\*Please stand if you are able)

**Prelude**

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*  
A. Gordon

Marina Thomas

## Bringing in the Light

### Welcome & the Life of the Church

**\*Greetings** (Wave to your neighbors near you with “**Peace of Christ be with you.**”)

#### **\*Unison Opening Prayer**

Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill your church—  
that our worship will be ever more pleasing to you;  
that prayers will change our minds  
instead of trying to get you to change yours;  
that our lives will make a real difference to real people in the real world.

Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill our lives with your presence—  
so that more and more every day,  
all that we do and say and hope  
will be an act of worship to you and an expression of love to others,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.

**\*Gathering Song** *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* #334

**Children’s Time** Pastor Clyde

**\*Gospel Reading** **Matthew 28:16-20**  
*The Commissioning of the Disciples*

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music** Piano Solo by Marina Thomas

**Message** “**Marching Orders**” Rev. Clyde Vaughn

**Hymn** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* FWS #2120

#### **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** *Interlude* Marina Thomas  
M. Hayes

**\*Hymn to the Trinity**      *Gloria Patri* (Glory Be 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.

**\*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 Lord, Jesus  
Christ. Amen.

**\*Recessional Song**      *Spirit of God*      FWS #2117

**\*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)

- a. 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.
- b. Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga tu reino; hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbanos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo el poder y la gloria por siempre. Amen

**Postlude**      *I God, Our Help in Ages Past*      Marina Thomas  
W. Croft

*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 Pastor	Rev. Clyde Vaughn
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgist	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., June 25	10:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b> Guest Pastor: Rev. Clyde Vaughn
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
Mon., June 26	9 am–11:30 am	<b>Children Summer Music Festival</b> , Sanctuary
	1-3 pm	<b>Sewing Group</b> , St. Stephen's room
Tue., June 27	9 am–11:30 am	<b>Children Summer Music Festival</b> , Sanctuary
Wed., June 28	9 am–11:30 am	<b>Children Summer Music Festival</b> , Sanctuary
	3:00 pm	<b>VBS Planning Meeting</b> , St. Stephen's room
Thu., June 29	9 am–11:30 am	<b>Children Summer Music Festival</b> , Sanctuary
Fri., June 30	9 am–11:30 am	<b>Children Summer Music Festival</b> , Sanctuary
Sun., July 2	10:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b> Guest Preacher: Dr. Haley Feuerbacher
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall

\*Pastor John is away on vacation from June 23 – July 2.

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

### **Children Summer Music Festival**

**June 26 – 30, 9 am – 11:30 am**

(Grades 1 – 6)

Sing, Dance, Recorders, Ukuleles, Drums / Percussion & More!

Led by Music Teacher, Mike Locke-Paddon

### **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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