

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!

Father's Day Sunday

Sunday, June 18, 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

"There are 2 kinds of men in the world:
Those who are **penetrable** and those who are **impenetrable.**"
~ A woman therapist

"I can't thank you enough for showing up. It's not the same without you."
~ James Taylor

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

I Sacred Head, Now Wounded
H. Hassler

Marina Thomas

Bringing in the Light

Welcome & the Life of the Church

***Greetings** (Greet your neighbors with "**Happy Father's Day**" or "**Feliz día del Padre**")

***Centering Breath**

***Call to Worship**

One: Our relationships with our fathers are complicated.

Many: For some of us, our father's love is like God's love -- too deep, too long, too wide, too strong to measure.

One: Some of our dads are here; some were never here.

Many: For some of us, God's love fills in the empty spaces our fathers left behind.

One: All of us are shaped by the relationship or lack of relationship with our fathers.

All: On this day when we remember what it means to have a father or be a father, we recognize the importance of fathers in our communities. We pledge as a congregation to love and nurture the fathers among us so that they will manifest the love of God in all that they do.

***Gathering Song**

This Is My Father's World

#144

Children's Time

"Story of Maasai Warriors"

Pastor John

Wisdom Reading

Proverbs 4:11-12

"I will guide you in the way of wisdom and I will lead you in upright paths.
When you walk, your steps will not be hampered,
and when you run, you will not stumble."

Epistle Reading

2 Philippians 2:1-5

Imitating Christ

"If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus."

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

According To Thy Loving-kindness, Father

Duet: Edgar & Solida Estioko

Cuban Melody. Words translated by Robert Savage. Arranged by Norman Johnson

Message

"What Defines a Man?"

Rev. John Song

Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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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 *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* Marina Thomas
A. Gretry

***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** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* FWS #2153

***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 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Marina Thomas
M. Luther

*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

Pastor	Rev. John Song
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgist	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., June 18	10:00 am	Father's Day Sunday
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
Mon., June 19	1-3 pm	Sewing Group , St. Stephen's room
	11am-12pm	Summer Swim Lessons , YMCA
Tue., June 20	11am-12pm	Summer Swim Lessons , YMCA
Wed., June 21	11am-12pm	Summer Swim Lessons , YMCA
Thu., June 22	11am-12pm	Summer Swim Lessons , YMCA
Sat., June 24	9am-1pm	Holy Walkamolies @ Point Lobos
Sun., June 25	10:00 am	Worship Service
		Guest Preacher: Rev. Clyde Vaughn
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall

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

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.)

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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