

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.

Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 9, 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.

Words of Meditation

Hildegard of Bingen, the 11th century German woman, Christian mystic, hears God say:

“I am the breeze that nurtures all things green.
I encourage blossoms to flourish with ripening fruits.
I am the rain coming from the dew
that causes the grasses to laugh
with the joy of life.”

“It is to the mystics that we owe what is best in humanity.”
~ Carl Jung, the 20th century Swiss psychiatrist and psychoanalyst

“God is delighted to watch your soul enlarge.”
~ Meister Eckhart, the 13th century German theologian, philosopher, and mystic

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude *Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us* Marina Thomas
W. Bradbury

Bringing in the Light

Welcome & the Life of the Church Rev. John Song

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

***Centering Breath**

Message "What Mystics Teach Us" Rev. John Song

Hymn *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale* #122 (vs. 1-3)

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 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** *For the Beauty of the Earth* #92 (vs. 1-4, 6)

***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)

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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Marina Thomas
V. Labenske

*We warmly invite everyone to a delicious cup of Coffee,
refreshments and fellowship in the Social Hall following worship.*

Today's refreshments: Maira & Allyson Sandoval

*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	Tahja Martinez, Febe Avitua

Greeters	Harry & Clarice Wiggins
Usher	Laura Andrade Sorensen
Tech Team	Antonio Pantaleón, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano
Nursery Attendants	Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis
Coffee Hour	Maira & Allyson Sandoval

Calendar for the Week

Sun., July 9	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:45am	J2Hope Board & Scholarship Committee , St. Stephen's room
Mon., July 10	1-3 pm	Sewing Group , St. Stephen's room
Wed., July 12	3:00 pm	VBS Planning Meeting , St. Stephen's room
Thu., July 13	12:00 pm	UMW Potluck , Historical Society
Sun., July 16	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:30 am	30 min Q&A with the Pastor on Sermon , St. Stephen's room

Opportunities

Meal Service for Flood Recovery Volunteers

The volunteer team from our Conference to help with the recovery effort for the flood victims in Pajaro will be staying with us again this month on Friday **July 21** and Saturday **22**; then again on Friday **July 28** and Saturday **29**.

Richard and Carol Parker are planning to provide them with breakfast on these dates. Several people have volunteered to prepare a one-time lunch or dinner. Carol will coordinate with everyone who has offered. If anyone else would like to prepare a lunch or dinner, please contact Carol at [\(831\) 728-3852](tel:831-728-3852) or lomasslough@gmail.com.

The church is willing to reimburse expenses for meals provided. Richard and Carol can arrange to pick up meals should that be needed.

30 min Q&A with the Pastor on Sermon during the Summer
(Starts **next Sunday, July 16** from 11:30 am – 12 noon, St. Stephen's room)

30 min Conversation with the Pastor:
All Things Pertaining to Christian Faith & Life
(Resume on Sep. 17)

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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