

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 23, 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

Psalm 19

The law of Love is perfect,
reviving the soul;
The testimony of Love is sure,
making wise the simple;
The precepts of Love are right,
the heart;
The authority of Love is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
The spirit of Love is glorious,
enduring forever;
The rites of Love are true,
awakening compassion.

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”

~ Aesop, 5th century BC Greek storyteller

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

He Hideth My Soul
W. Kirkpatrick

Marina Thomas

Bringing in the Light

Welcome & the Life of the Church

Rev. Clyde Vaughn

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

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, open our lips and we will proclaim your praise.

People: We arise today, through God’s strength to power us:

Leader: God’s way to set us on the right path,

People: God’s loving gaze to affirm us,

Leader: God’s ear to hear us,

People: God’s wisdom to guide us,

Leader: God’s shield to protect us from snares of devils,

People: God’s hand to lift us when we fall,

Leader: God’s grace to sustain us,

All: **God’s host to bring us joy. Amen.**

*Gathering Song

We Meet You, O Christ

#257

Children’s Time

Rev. Clyde Vaughn

*Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8

Mary Anoints Jesus

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’s feet, and wiped them^[a] with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Blest Are They

Duet by Bob & Joan Culbertson

Words & Music by David Haas

Vocal Arr. By David Haas & Michael Joncas

Message

“Jesus Condoned Waste”

Rev. Clyde Vaughn

Hymn

Woman in the Night

#274 (vs. 1-4, 7)

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 *Give Me Jesus* Marina Thomas
Arr. V. Labenske

***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** *Lord of the Dance* UMH #261

***Benediction** [*This ends the Live Streaming] Rev. Clyde Vaughn

Prayers of the People Rev. Clyde Vaughn

- 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 *Happy Day* Marina Thomas
Arr. V. Labenske

*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

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| Guest Pastor | Rev. Clyde Vaughn |
| Pianist | Marina Thomas |
| Choir Leader | Carmelita Abenoja |
| Liturgist | Tahja Martinez, Febe Avitua |
| Greeters | Harry & Clarice Wiggins |
| Usher | Marieta Flores |
| Tech Team | Antonio Pantaleón, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano |
| Nursery Attendants | Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis |
| Coffee Hour | Marjorie Martinez, Marieta Flores |

Pastor John is away on a weekend retreat.

Calendar for the Week

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| Sun., July 23 | 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| | 11:10 am | Coffee Hour, Social Hall |
| | 11:30 am | 30 min Q&A with Pastor Clyde on Sermon , St. Stephen's room |
| Mon., July 24 | 9am - 12pm | VBS Day 1 , Church Parking Lot |
| | 1-3 pm | Sewing Group , St. Stephen's room |
| Tue., July 25 | 9am - 12pm | VBS Day 2 , Church Parking Lot |
| Wed., July 26 | 9am - 12pm | VBS Day 3 , Church Parking Lot |
| Thu., July 27 | 9am - 12pm | VBS Day 4 , Church Parking Lot |
| Fri., July 28 | 9am - 12pm | VBS Day 5 , Church Parking Lot |
| Sat., July 29 | 12pm – 2pm | Free MENTAL HEALTH Workshop in English , Social Hall |
| Sun., July 30 | 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

Free MENTAL HEALTH Workshop in English

Sat. July 29, 2023, 12 pm – 2 pm @ Wats1st UMC

Facilitated by Dr. Hanna Song, PsyD

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 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:8317283852) 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

(Every Sunday 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 Oct. 1)

National Night Out

Tue. Aug. 1, 5 pm – 7 pm

Church Parking Lot

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Baptism, Membership, Wedding, Funeral, and Pastoral Counseling are available