

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door

Our Vision

*Tipping the world toward love and justice
in alignment with God's deepest desire
for our lives and all God's creation.*

Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 13, 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.

Today's altar flowers are dedicated by Marieta Flores.

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

"If dunce knew what the fire was before he embarked on a journey carrying a lantern in quest for fire, he could have cooked his rice sooner."
~ Zen proverb

"Spiritual journey is 5 inches long and 500 miles deep."
~ John O'Donohue, the 20th century Irish poet, author, priest, and philosopher

"Where ever you are is the entry point."
~ Kabir

"Know thy self."

The earliest Greek inscription found in the entrance to the **Oracle of Delphi** [Dating back to 1400 BC, it was the most important shrine in all of Greece.]

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

All Hail the Power
O. Holden

Marina Thomas

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**

***Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Leader: This the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: This none other than the house of God,

People: and this is the gate of heaven.

***Gathering Song**

This Is the Day

#657 (2x)

Children’s Time

“Snake Shedding Old Skin”

Pastor John

Psalm Reading

Psalm

“Be still and know that I am God.”

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Just Breathe
by Mia Suszko

Eden Edell, Guitar Solo

Traveler
by Eden Edell

So go out and find what makes you feel free
Climb your mountains, sail the sea
Find your curiosity. You owe that to yourself

So go out and find what makes you feel free
Climb your mountains, sail the sea
You are the artist and the artistry
Of all that was and what will be "

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

Message

Breath Work:

Rev. John Song

Part 3) “**Meeting Yourself for the First Time**”

Hymn

Give Thanks

FWS #2036

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Marina Thomas

***Doxology** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #95
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Presentation of Offering

***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 Risen Lord, Jesus
Christ. Amen.

***Recessional Song** *Hymn of Promise* #707

***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 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Marina Thomas

*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
Guest Soloist	Eden Edell
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

Calendar for the Week

Sun., Aug. 13	10:00 am	LEGO Sunday
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:30 am	30 min Q&A with the Pastor on Sermon , St. Stephen's room
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Mon., Aug. 14	1-3 pm	Sewing Group , St. Stephen's room
Sat., Aug. 19	12:00 pm	Holy Walkamolies Beach Day Potluck , Seacliff State Beach
Sun., Aug. 20	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
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Opportunities

Meals for Pajaro 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, August 25** and **Saturday 26**. They will return again in September on the following days as well, **Friday, September 8** and **Saturday 9**; then again on **Friday, September 22** and **Saturday 23**.

If you would like to prepare breakfast, lunch or dinner for a group of 6 workers please contact Carol Parker 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. Thank you!

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

Holy Walkamolies Beach Day Potluck

Sat. Aug. 19

Seacliff State Beach
State Park Dr, Aptos, CA 95003

ALL ARE WELCOME!

You can come as early as 7:00 am with Potluck Lunch at noon
There will be fun activities followed by a nice walk along the esplanade with Ranger Bob!
Please bring a dish to share (drinks will be provided)

Questions? Call (831) 724-4434 or email walkamolies@gmail.com
Free parking at Rio Del Mar Beach

Crop Hunger Walk

Sat. Sep. 30, 8:30 am @ front of Watsonville First UMC

Day Workshop on Forgiveness

By Dr. Peter Coster
Oct 7, 10 am – 3:30 pm, Social Hall

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