

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.

Kingdomtide

Sunday, September 24, 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.

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

The Old Rugged Cross
G. Bernard

Marina Thomas

Bringing in the Light

Welcome & the Life of the Church

Bob Culbertson

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

***Opening Prayer** (In unison)

Drop thy still dews of quietness
till all our striving cease.
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess,
The beauty of Thy peace. Amen.

***Gathering Song**

Morning Has Broken

#145

Gospel Reading*John 4:1-27, 39**

Bob Culbertson

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the Well

“Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” ² (although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized), ³ he left Judea and started back to Galilee. ⁴ But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” ¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” ¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you ²¹ say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”

Choir Anthem*Come, Christian Join to Sing*

Words by Christian Henry Bateman, Arr. by John Carter

Incorporating *When Morning Gilds the Sky*, Words by Robert B Bridge, Music by Joseph Barnby

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

Message “**Stories, Scars, Stretch Marks, and Scabbed Hands**” Dr. Haley Feuerbacher

Hymn *Amazing Grace* #378 (vs. 1-3)

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 *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* Marina Thomas
T. Williams

***Doxology** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings flow #95

Presentation of Offering

***Offertory Prayer** (In unison)

God of all generations, as we worship today, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have and all that we are. We pray that you will help us be bold in our mission and in our witness. We pray this in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Recessional Song** *How Great Thou Art* #77

***Benediction** [*This ends the Live Streaming]

Prayers of the People Dr. Haley Feuerbacher

- 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 New Name in Glory* Marina Thomas
C. Miles

*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 Preacher	Dr. Haley Feuerbacher
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgists	Bob Culbertson, Tahja Martinez
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., Sep. 24	10:00 am	Worship Service/ LEGO Sunday Guest Preacher: Dr. Haley Feuerbacher
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Mon., Sep. 25	1-3 pm	Sewing Group , St. Stephen's room
Sat., Sep. 30	8:30 am	CROP Hunger Walk , Meet @ front of the church!
Sun., Oct. 1	10:00 am	World Communion Sunday
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Opportunities

30 min Q&A on Sermon with the Pastor
(Every Sunday from 11:30 am – 12 noon, Social Hall table)

CROP Hunger Walk

Sat. Sep. 30, 8:30 am @ front of Watsonville First UMC
(Fundraiser for Second Harvest Food Bank)

Day Workshop on Forgiveness

By Dr. Peter Coster
Sat. Oct 7, 10 am – 3:30 pm, Social Hall
(Members: \$20, Students: FREE)

Mental Health Workshop: Trauma & Relationships

Dr. Hanna Song & Mayra Bernabe
Sat. Oct 21, 10 am – 12 pm, St Stephen's room
FREE: All are welcome!

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