

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 1, 2023, 10 am

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)*

Words of Meditation

"When fascism comes to America, it will be wrapped in the flag and carrying a cross."
~ Sinclair Lewis, an early 20th century American writer and playwright

Prelude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
J. Zundel

Marina Thomas

Bringing in the Light

Welcome & the Life of the Church

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

***Centering Breath**

***Opening Prayer in Unison**

You created for yourself a world filled with diversity
and blessed by your breath of life.

Rainbow colors bloom in spring,
summer breezes bring garden delight,
and now as Autumn comes our way
we see the work of your paintbrush upon every face and tree.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Throughout God's world this day Christian churches are
celebrating the Holy Communion as one family dining
together in one room under one roof.

People: Our sisters and brothers in Africa, Europe, Latin America, Asia, Pacific Islands and all lands and countries join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

Leader: Neither powers nor principalities shall stop us nor deter our purpose, our desire to do good, our challenge to go forth as disciples into every town, village, and crossroads proclaiming the love of Christ for all creation.

People: In Christ's love there is no East, no West, no North, no South, but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.

Leader: Let us praise Christ! May this holy meal empower each of us to be agents of hope and peace in a time of uncertainty and strife. t

People: The bread and wine are not for us alone, but are symbols of a universal message that surpasses the might of missiles and the walls of oppression.

Leader: May Christ bless the worldwide Communion of His Church this day!

People: Praise be to Christ our Creator, Redeemer, and Savior!

***Gathering Song** *In Christ There Is No East or West* #548

Psalm Reading **Psalm 95**
"If you hear the voice of God, harden not your hearts."

***Gospel Readings** **John 6:48-51**

⁴⁸ "I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music *Goin' up Yonder* Beverly Olivier-Blount
by Walter Hawkins
Let the Church Say Amen
by Andraé Crouch

Message **"The Rise of Christian Nationalism in America"** Rev. John Song

Hymn *Let There Be Peace on Earth* #431

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
(Marieta will make Filipino sweet rice "Biko" for Communion)

Prayer of Preparation for the World Communion Sunday

Jesus prayed that we might be one.

One in spirit. One in mission.

In union and communion with each other and with You.

**Today, God, we confess fumbleings and failures in accomplishing unity,
as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task.**

On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection
in the eyes of Christians everywhere.

Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences.

Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere.

We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion / Celebración de la Santa Comunion

The Lord be with you. / *El Señor sea con ustedes.* Spanish Reader: Laura Andrade Sorensen
And also with you. / Y también contigo.

Lift up your hearts. / *Elevemos los corazones.*

We lift them up to the Lord. / Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. / *Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.*

It is right to give our thanks and praise. / Es justo darle gracias y alabanza.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you.

Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. In the fullness of time you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior, and at his birth the angels sang glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(The Faith we Sing #2007, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY")

(The Faith We Sing #2007, "SANTO, SANTO, SANTO")

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!

Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres, Señor!

Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ.

Santo eres Tú, y bendito sea Jesucristo.

As your Word became flesh, born of Mary, on that night long ago so, on the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Como tu Palabra se hizo carne, nació de María, en esa noche hace mucho tiempo, en la noche que se entregó por nosotros, tomó pan, dio gracias, lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos diciendo:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

“Tomen, coman; esto es mi cuerpo dado por ustedes. Hagan esto en memoria de mí”.

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Después de la cena, tomó la copa, y después de haber dado gracias, la dio a sus discípulos, diciendo:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

“Beban de ella, todos ustedes; ésta es mi sangre del nuevo pacto, derramada por ustedes y por muchos para el perdón de los pecados. Hagan esto todas las veces que la beben, en memoria de mí”.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Y así, recordando tus actos poderosos en Cristo Jesús, nos ofrecemos en alabanza y agradecimiento como un sacrificio santo y vivo, en unión con la ofrenda de Cristo por nosotros, mientras proclamamos el misterio de la fe.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Cristo ha muerto; Cristo ha resucitado; Cristo vendrá de nuevo.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Creator, now and forever. Amen.

***Sharing of the bread and the cup**

(The congregation is invited to come forward to share in communion of the bread and the cup.

The United Methodist Church practices open Communion. All are invited, including children, to come forward in the middle aisle in two lines to receive the Communion. If you wish to receive the Communion at your seat, please raise your hand or ask one of the ushers.)

Se comparten el pan y la copa

(Se invita a la congregación compartir la comunión del pan y de la copa.)

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

[The **World Communion Special Sunday** special offering envelopes are available in narthex. Your gifts support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals while also transforming communities. 50% percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. 35% percent supports ethnic scholarships for undergraduate students. 15% percent funds in-service training programs for racial and ethnic persons.]

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	<i>Onward Christian Soldiers</i> Arr. V. Labenske	Marina Thomas
*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	<i>This Is My Song</i>	#437
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***Benediction** [*This ends the Live Streaming]

Prayers of the People

- Sharing of Joys & Concerns (Please raise your hand & mic will be given to you)
- 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.
- 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	<i>O for Thousand Tongues to Sing</i> C. Glaser	Marina Thomas
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*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

Ministers	Each one of us
Pastor	Rev. John Song
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Soloist	Beverly Olivier-Blount
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgists	Marilyn Hyde
Spanish Reader	Laura Andrade Sorensen
Greeters	Harry & Clarice Wiggins
Head Usher	Marieta Flores

Communion Stewards	Marieta Flores, Laura Andrade Sorensen
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., Oct. 1	10:00 am	World Communion Sunday
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:30 am	30 Min. Conversation with the Pastor on Sermon, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Mon., Oct. 2	1-3 pm	Sewing Group , St. Stephen's room
Thu., Oct. 5	4:00 pm	Food for Children , Church Back Parking Lot
Sat., Oct. 7	9:30 am	UMW Annual Celebration , Good Samaritan UMC, Cupertino
	10:00 am	Day Workshop on Forgiveness , 10am – 3:30pm, Social Hall
Sun., Oct. 8	10:00 am	Worship: Dr. Peter Coster preaching
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Upcoming Opportunities!

30 Minute Conversation with the Pastor on Sermon
Every Sunday from 11:30 am – 12 noon, Social Hall table

UMW Annual Celebration

Sat. Oct 7, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, Good Samaritan UMC in Cupertino
To register please talk to Carol Parker or Billie Sorensen.

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!

Blessing of Animals Sunday: Oct. 22, 10 am Worship Service

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