

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.

Our Vision

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

Día de los Muertos

The Day of the Dead Celebration

Sunday, October 29, 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

"You learn more at a funeral than at a feast.
After all, that's where we'll end up.
We might discover something from it."
- Ecclesiastes 7:2 (The Message)

"Practice dying."

This was Plato's famous final lesson to his disciples, given just before his own death.

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

Our Great Savior

Marina Thomas

Lighting of Candles

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.**")

***Litany in Unison**

Everything Has Its Season (Ecclesiastes 3:1-5)

Bob Culbertson

Hymn

God Will Take Care of You

#130

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

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

Shall We Gather at the River

Marina Thomas

Presentation of Offering

***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 by following the Way of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Recessional Song**

I'll Fly Away

FWS #2282

***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)

- 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

Praise Him!

Marina Thomas

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

*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
Pastor
Pianist

Each one of us
Rev. John Song
Marina Thomas

Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgist	Bob Culbertson
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., Oct. 29	10:00 am	Dia de los Muertos (The Day of the Dead) Celebration
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:30 am	Halloween Costume Contest , Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Mon., Oct. 30	1-3 pm	Sewing Group , St. Stephen's room
Thu., Nov. 2	4:00 pm	Food for Children , Back Church Parking Lot
Sun., Nov. 5	10:00 am	All Saints Sunday/ Communion Sunday
		*Fallback: Turn back the clock 1 hour
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:30 am	Q&A with Pastor
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Upcoming Opportunities!

Visit from Missionary Katherine Parker

Thursday, November 9, from 12 - 1:30 pm.

Katherine Parker is a UM missionary serving in Nepal.

She has been supported by our congregation for many years.

Bring your own lunch @ 12pm, dessert & coffee provided by UMW.

Her program will begin at 12:30 pm in the Social Hall. Please join us!

Winter Dinner Program

Salvation Army Winter Dinner Program to feed those in need will run from Nov. 17 through April 2024. We are responsible for creating 100 boxes of meals To-Go every 3rd Friday of the month: Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan. 19. Just show up at the Salvation Army (214 Union St. Watsonville) by 4:30 pm. Parking is available in the back of the building. If you want to volunteer please call the church office at (831)724-4434 or email us at office@watsonville1stumc.org. Thank you!

Leadership Council: Sunday, Nov. 12, 11:45 am, St. Stephen's

All Church Window Cleaning Day: Sat. Nov. 18, 10 am – 12 noon (pizza lunch)

Church Conference: Sun. Nov. 19, 11 am, sanctuary

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Office Hours: Tue-Thu 9 am – 5 pm, Fri 9 am – 12 pm (Closed for lunch 12-1 pm)

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