

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

*Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door*

## **All Saints Sunday with Holy Communion**

Sunday, November 5, 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.

*Today’s altar flowers are arranged by Norma Luciano.*

### **Meaning of All Saints Sunday**

**All Saints Sunday** is an annual reminder that Christian faith is a gift that is passed on from generation to generation. All Saints reminds us that we stand on the shoulders of all those faithful witnesses who have gone before us; the living and the dead.

The feast of All Saints teaches that grace is relational. We know and experience God’s love through the people God gave us in the past, God gives us in the present, and God will continue to give us in the future. God’s steadfast presence is revealed and made real through people who love God enough to allow God’s grace and light to flow through their lives that gives hope to the world.

*(\*Please stand if you are able)*

**Prelude**

*For All the Saints*  
B. Choplin

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)

Allyson & Maira Sandoval West

We bless your holy name, O God,  
for all your servants who, having finished their course,  
now rest from their labors.

Give us grace to follow the example  
of their steadfastness and faithfulness,

to your honor and glory;  
through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**\*Gathering Song**                                  *For All the Saints*                                  #711 (vs. 1, 2, 4, 6)

**Children's Time**                                  "Why Do We Call Them Saints?"                                  Pastor John

**Epistle Reading**                                  **Romans 14:8**

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."

**Romans 8:35, 37-39**

<sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music**                                  *Tears In Heaven*                                  Jesse Martinez  
by Eric Clapton, 1992

*Spirit in the Sky*  
by Norman Greenbaum, 1969

**Message**                                  "What Makes Us Afraid of Death?"                                  Rev. John Song

"God is a presence that protects us from nothing, yet unexplainably sustains us in all things."  
~ James Finley

**\*Hymn in Response**                                  *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*                                  #712

## **Celebration of Holy Communion / Celebración de la Santa Comunion**

**Unison Prayer**                                  *All Saints*                                  #713

The Lord be with you. / *El Señor sea con ustedes.*                                  Laura Andrade Sorensen, Spanish reader  
**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.

Father Almighty (almighty God), Creator of heaven and earth:  
God of Abraham and Sarah,  
God of Miriam and Moses,  
God of Joshua and Deborah,  
God of Ruth and David,  
God of the priests and the prophets,  
God of Mary and Joseph,  
God of the apostles and the martyrs,  
God of our mothers and our fathers,  
God of our children to all generations.

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.

Renew our communion with all your saints,  
especially those whom we name before you—  
*Name(s)*

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.  
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.)*

### **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**

*Holy Holy Holy*  
Arr. Labenske

Marina Thomas

### **Presentation of Offering**

#### **\*Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*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. Like your saints who have gone before us, we pray that you will help us be bold in our mission and in our witness. May we who have been given so much give freely, ministering in your compassion to the multitudes near to us and far from us; so that one day we may stand amidst the multitude that gathers at your heavenly throne. We pray this in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Recessional Song**

*When the Saints Come Marching In*

**\*Benediction**

[\*This ends 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**

*O Where the Saints Go Marching in*

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	Each one of us
Pastor	Rev. John Song
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgists	Allyson & Maira Sandoval West
Greeters	Harry & Clarice Wiggins
Head Usher	Marieta Flores
Tech Team	Antonio Pantaleón, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano
Nursery Attendants	Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis
Coffee Hour	Richard & Carol Parker

## Calendar for the Week

Sun., Nov. 5	10:00 am	<b>All Saints Communion Sunday</b>
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Mon., Nov. 6	1-3 pm	<b>Sewing Group</b> , St. Stephen's room
Wed., Nov. 8	4:30 pm	<b>Wed. Bible Study</b> , St. Stephen's room
Thu., Nov. 9	12:00 pm	<b>UMW &amp; Missionary Katherine Parker</b> , St. Stephen's room
Fri., Nov. 10		<b>OFFICE CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY</b>
Sun., Nov. 12	10:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b>
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:45 am	<b>Leadership Council</b> : St. Stephen's room
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

## *Opportunities!*

### **Announcing Wed. Bible Study!**

Every Wed. from 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, St. Stephen's room  
(No Bible Study on Nov. 22, Dec. 27, Jan. 3)

We will be studying the Gospel of Luke led by Pastor John.  
Bring your Bible. Don't have one? We'll provide you.

*All are welcome!*

### ***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. is filled. The next opportunity to volunteer is on Dec. 15. If you want to volunteer please call the church office at (831)724-4434 or email us at [office@watsonville1stumc.org](mailto:office@watsonville1stumc.org). Thank you!

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

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

**Christmas Decoration Party:** Sun. Nov. 26, 11:30 am, sanctuary & social hall

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