

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.*

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday & Holy Communion with Valentine's Twist

Sunday, February 11, 2024, 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.

This Sunday is *Sunday School with Joan*

First, children will be in worship. Following the Special Music, the teacher, Joan Culbertson, will lead our children to the Sunday School Room.

Today's altar flowers are dedicated by Marieta Flores.

Words of Meditation

“Our deepest fears are like dragons guarding our deepest treasure.”

~ Rainer Maria Rilke (1875–1926)

“Stop looking for the one and become the one.”

~ Allana Pratt

““You are the sky. The rest is just weather.”

~ Pema Chödrön

**(Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

Standing on the Promises

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**

Mark Sorensen

Leader: You have placed your truth in the inner being;

People: Therefore, teach us the wisdom of the heart.

Leader: Create in us a clean heart, O God,

People: And put a new and right spirit within us.

Leader: Enfold us in the arms of love,

People: And fill us with your Holy Spirit.

Leader: Free us from all that binds us in fear,

People: Cleanse us that your light may shine in us.

Leader: Restore in us the joy of your salvation,

All: That we may radiate love and live in freedom.

***Gathering Song**

Jesus Loves Me

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Children’s Time

“The Diamond in Your Pocket”

Pastor John

Epistle Reading

1 John 4:7-8, 18-19

God Loved Us First

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

(I Love You) for Sentimental Reasons

Vanessa Yearsley, solo

sung by Nat King Cole, composed by William Best, written by Deek Watson, 1946

*Children may now leave for Sunday School with the teacher, Joan Culbertson.

Message

“Addicted to Love”

Rev. John Song

Hymn

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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Celebration of Holy Communion / Celebración de la Santa Comunión

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.

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 Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem and there found no room, so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem and was despised and rejected. As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born, so by the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Como María y José viajaron de Galilea hacia Belén y no encontraron albergue, así Jesús fue de Galilea a Jerusalén y fue despreciado y rechazado. Como Jesús nació en la pobreza de un establo, así por el bautismo de su sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección tu diste a luz a tu Iglesia, nos liberaste de la esclavitud al pecado y la muerte, e hizo un nuevo pacto por medio del agua y el Espíritu.

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

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

Healer of Broken Hearts

Marina Thomas

***Hymn to the Trinity** *Gloria Patri* (Glory Be 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.

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

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**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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***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

I Just Keep Trusting My Lord

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

Ministers	Each one of us
Pastor	Rev. John Song
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgists	Mark Sorensen
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., Feb. 11	10:00 am	Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday with Holy Communion
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Mon., Feb. 12	1-3 pm	Sewing Group , St. Stephen's room
Wed., Feb. 14		<i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>
	9:30 am – 5 pm	Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes, outside Pastor's office
	4:30 pm	Wed. Bible Study , St. Stephen's room
Sun., Feb. 18	10:00 am	First Sunday in Lent
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Opportunities!

Souper Bowl of Caring

The Super Bowl has become an American national holiday where families and friends gather to eat and watch the game. Unfortunately, not everyone can afford this luxury due to food insecurity. Today we'll have the ***Souper Bowl of Caring***. Our church will be collecting money and/or food. All proceeds will go to our local Second Harvest Food Bank. There will be empty pots in the narthex as you leave the service. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday: February 14, 2024

You can receive the imposition of Ashes by the pastor or office staff from **9:30 am to 5:00 pm** outside the Pastor's office.

Church parking lot in the rear for your convenience.

Remember "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

~ Genesis 3:19b

Mark your calendar (July 7-13, 2024) for Children & Youth Toyon Camp in Aptos!

This summer, we want to send our children & youth (3rd-12th grade) to the Conference wide ***Camp Toyon 2024*** held in a nearby Aptos United Methodist owned Toyon campground. Registration is NOW open! More publicity to follow. Questions? Call or email the church office.

Weekly Wed. Bible Study!

Every Wed. from 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, St. Stephen's room

We are studying the Gospel of Luke led by Pastor John.

Bring your Bible. Don't have one? We'll provide you.

All are welcome!

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