

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Third Sunday of Lent With Holy Communion

Sunday, March 3, 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.

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

LIFE

By L. Barron

Owls, with feathers soft and warm
Their lives, a journey through the storm
In the night, they take to flight
Their lives, a thing of beauty, pure and bright
They glide through the sky so still
Their lives, a silent thrill
Their hoots, a call to all who hear
Their lives, a song of love and cheer
In the trees, they rest and wait
Their lives, a journey to fate
Their eyes, wise and ever-knowing
Their lives, a story worth showing
So let us learn from the owl's life
That each day is worth the strife
For in the end, it's all we have Life,
a precious thing to hold dear and hold fast.

**(Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

There Is a Fountain

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** (Responsive)

Leader: This the day that the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: This none other than the house of God,

People: and this is the gate of heaven.

***Gathering Song** *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale* #122 (vs. 1-3)

Children's Time **"Flaco, The Call of the Wild"** Pastor John

Hebrew Readings **Exodus 19:4**

Tell the People of Israel: "You have seen what I did to Egypt
and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself."

Isaiah 40:3

those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

***Gospel Reading** **John 10:10**

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Message **"What Flaco Taught Us About Ourselves"** Rev. John Song

Hymn *On Eagle's Wings* #143

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 *The Way of the Cross Leads Home* Marina Thomas

***Hymn to the Trinity** *Gloria Patri* (Glory Be to the Father) #70

***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. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion / Celebración de la Santa Comunión

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. As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love help us return to that love. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking God for strength to persevere in your Lenten journey and discipline.

Como discípulos de Jesús nuestro Señor hemos sido llamados a luchar contra todo lo que nos aparte del amor de Dios y nuestro prójimo. El arrepentimiento, el ayuno, la oración y las obras de caridad nos ayudan a regresar el amor. Los invito, por lo tanto, a entregarse de lleno a esta lucha y a confesar sus pecados, implorando de nuestro Dios la fortaleza para perseverar en la disciplina cuaresmal.

Most holy and merciful God: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Dios santísimo y misericordioso: Confesamos a ti y los unos a los otros y delante de toda la comunión de los santos en el cielo y en la tierra, que hemos pecado por nuestra propia culpa en pensamientos, palabras y obras; por lo que hemos hecho y por lo que hemos dejado de hacer.

(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.*

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

No te hemos amado con todo nuestro corazón, mente y fuerza. No hemos amado a nuestros prójimos como a nosotros mismos. No hemos perdonado a otros, como hemos sido perdonados. Dios, ten piedad de nosotros.

We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Hemos permanecido sordos a tu llamado de servir como Cristo nos sirvió. No hemos sido fieles a la voluntad de Cristo. Hemos ofendido a tu Espíritu Santo. Dios, ten piedad de nosotros.

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives, our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Te confesamos, Señor, toda nuestra infidelidad pasada. El orgullo, la hipocresía y la impaciencia en nuestras vidas, nuestros apetitos y costumbres de auto-satisfacción y nuestra explotación de otras personas. Dios, ten piedad de nosotros.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Nuestro desenfrenado apego por los bienes y las comodidades materiales y nuestra falta de honradez en nuestra vida y el trabajo diario. Dios, ten piedad de nosotros.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to live our faith. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Nuestra negligencia en la oración y la adoración y nuestra falta de propagar la fe que tenemos. Dios, ten piedad de nosotros.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

Accept our repentance, O God.

Acepta, Señor, nuestro arrepentimiento, por el mal que hemos hecho. Por nuestra ceguera ante la necesidad y el sufrimiento humano y nuestra indiferencia ante la injusticia y la crueldad, acepta nuestro arrepentimiento, Señor.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us.

Accept our repentance, O God.

Por todos los juicios falsos, por pensamientos carentes de amor hacia nuestros prójimos y por nuestro prejuicio y desprecio de aquellos que son diferentes, acepta nuestro arrepentimiento, Señor.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

Accept our repentance, O God.

Por nuestro desperdicio y la contaminación de tu creación que hemos causado y nuestra falta de preocupación por los que han de venir después, acepta nuestro arrepentimiento, Señor.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great. Amen.

Restáuranos, buen Señor, y deja que tu ira se aparte de nosotros. Escúchanos, Señor, porque tu misericordia es grande. Amén.

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 isle 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.)

***Recessional Song**

Give Thanks

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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)

Postlude

The Old Rugged Cross

Marina Thomas

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

Today's refreshments: 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

Pastor	Rev. John Song
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgists	Maira & Allyson Sandoval-West
Spanish Reader	Laura Andrade Sorensen
Communion Stewards	Marieta Flores, Laura Andrade Sorensen
Greeters	Harry & Clarice Wiggins
Head Usher	Marieta Flores
Tech Team	Antonio Pantaleón, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano
Nursery Attendants	Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis
Coffee Hour	Marieta Flores

Calendar for the Week

Sun., Mar. 3	10:00 am	Holy Communion on Third Sunday in Lent
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Mon., Mar. 4	1-3 pm	Sewing Group , St. Stephen's room
Wed., Mar. 6	4:30 pm	Wed. Bible Study , St. Stephen's room
Thu., Mar. 7	4:00 pm	Food for Children , Back Parking Lot
Sun., March 10	10:00 am	Worship on Fourth Sunday in Lent
		*Spring Forward/ Daylight Saving Time begins
	11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
	11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Opportunities!

Morning Workshop Free to Public!

Un-Clobbering the Bible:

What Does the Bible Really Say about LGBTQ+ Identities?

Sat. March 23, 9 am – 12 pm, Social Hall

*To register, please email or call the church office.

Weekly Wed. Bible Study!

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

All are welcome!

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