

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door

Palm/Passion Sunday

Sunday, March 24, 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.

Words of Meditation

“God is the prodigal who squanders himself.”
~ Karl Rahner, the 20th century German Jesuit theologian

**(Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude *Lead Me to Calvary* 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**

***Unison Prayer** “Passion/Palm Sunday” #281

***Gathering Song** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #278

Children’s Time “**Who Is the Greatest in God’s Kingdom?**” Pastor John

***Gospel Readings** **Luke 19: 28-44**

Jesus’ Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set

Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

*“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”*

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.”
⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

⁴¹ As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴² saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.”

Mark 14:24

(Jesus) said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

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

Choir Anthem:

Jerusalem (1884)
Words by Nella, Music by Henry Parker

Message

Kenotic Path of Jesus
Part 1) “**Poured Out for You**”

Rev. John Song

Hymn in Response

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

#280

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

I the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

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 and justice by following the Way of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
Amen.

***Recessional Song**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

FWS #2129

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back

My cross I'll carry, wherever he leads me
My cross I'll carry, wherever he leads me
My cross I'll carry, wherever he leads me
No turning back, No turning back.

In times of trial, still I will follow
In times of trial, still I will follow
In times of trial, still I will follow
No turning back, no turning back

In times of crisis, God will go with us
In times of crisis, God will go with us
In times of crisis, God will go with us
No turning back, no turning back

Tho' none go with me, I still will follow
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow
No turning back, no turning back

***Benediction** [*This ends the Live Streaming]

Prayers of the People

- a. Farewell to Holly Battle
- b. Sharing of Joys & Concerns (Please raise your hand & mic will be given to you)
- c. 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

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

Pastor
Pianist
Choir Leader
Liturgist
Greeters
Head Usher
Tech Team
Nursery Attendants
Coffee Hour

Rev. John Song
Marina Thomas
Carmelita Abenoja
Maira & Allyson Sandoval-West
Harry & Clarice Wiggins
Marieta Flores
Antonio Pantaleón, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano
Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis
Marjorie Martinez, Marieta Flores

Calendar for the Week

Sun.,	Mar. 24	10:00 am	Palm/Passion Sunday
		11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
		11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
		11:45 am	Leadership Council , St. Stephen's
Mon.	Mar. 25	1-3 pm	Sewing Group , St. Stephen's room
Wed.	Mar. 27	4:30 pm	Wed. Bible Study , St. Stephen's room
Fri.	Mar. 29	10am-3pm	Labyrinth Walking Meditation , Social Hall
Sat.	Mar. 30	2:00 pm	Easter Egg Coloring , Social Hall
Sun.	Mar. 31	10:00 am	Easter Celebration
		11:10 am	Easter Family Potluck
		11:45 am	Easter Egg Hunt , Front Lawn

Opportunities!

Good Friday Labyrinth Walking Meditation

Friday, March 29

10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Social Hall

10:00 am: Pastor John 5 min. presentation on the meaning of Labyrinth

Easter Egg Coloring (Children & Youth)

Saturday, March 30, 2:00 pm, Social Hall

Donations of hard-boiled eggs needed!

Easter Celebration Service with Potluck

Please bring a dish to share!

Sunday, March 31, 10:00 am in-person worship service

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 31

After Easter Celebration Service

Coffee Hour Clean-Up Volunteers: March-April 2024

Marieta & Marjorie need your help cleaning up the social hall every Sunday after coffee hour. Ideally, we need 2 helpers per Sunday (you may partner up with others listed as singles). The sign-up sheet is in the narthex area. Please sign-up for as many dates as you can. Thank you!

Other Ways to Help: You may donate towards the *Coffee Hour Fund* by making your cash or check donation payable to the church and labeling it "Coffee Hour". Thank you for your generosity!

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