

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door

Let us all be good humans on earth and be good neighbors to one another. Be the reason why someone feels included, welcomed, valued, listened to, supported, and loved.

Second Sunday of Easter with Holy Communion

Sunday, April 7, 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

Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,”
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

~ Psalm 139:7-12

**(Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

Jesus Is Lord of All

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**

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

We are Easter- people, disciples of Christ, the Risen One!

***Gathering Song**

Morning Has Broken

#145

Children's Time

"Total Eclipse of the Sun"

Pastor John

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 3:18

"We all, with unveiled faces, beholding the glory of the Lord,
are being transformed in the likeness of Christ."

***Gospel Readings**

Luke 24:13-35

The Walk to Emmaus

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, **looking sad**. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was **Cleopas**, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ **But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel**. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

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 things, 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 a compartir la comunión del pan y de la copa.)

***Recessional Song** *Hymn of Promise* #707

***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 *And Can It Be That I Should Gain* Marina Thomas

Today’s refreshments: Marieta Flores

Worship Leaders

Pastor	Rev. John Song
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgist	Mark Sorensen
Spanish Reader	Laura Andrade Sorensen
Communion Hosts	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	Marjorie Martinez, Marieta Flores

Calendar for the Week

Sun.	April 7	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion on Second Sunday of Easter
		11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
		11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
		4:00 pm	Don Mathews Celebration of Life Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula 4590 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923
Mon.	Apr. 8	1-3 pm	Sewing Group , St. Stephen's room
Thu.	Apr. 11	12:00 pm	UMW , St. Stephen's room
		4:30 pm	Thu. Bible Study , St. Stephen's room
Sun.	Apr. 14	10:00 am	Native American Ministries Sunday
		11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
		11:45 am	J2Hope Foundation Board , St. Stephen's

Opportunities!

Coffee Hour Hosts and Volunteers Needed

For the past 2 and a half years we have enjoyed the Coffee Hour following worship to connect with one another over refreshment under the leadership of Marjorie Martinez. However, Marjorie will no longer be hosting the Coffee Hour. It's going to take collective effort on our part to fill her shoes.

Here are 3 ways you can help:

- Host a Sunday to provide refreshments and prepare, set up, and clean up.
- Volunteer to help clean up afterwards.
- You may donate towards the *Coffee Hour Fund* by making your cash or check donation payable to the church and labeling it "Coffee Hour"

Signup sheet located in the narthex area.

Thank you for helping us continue Coffee Hour Ministry.

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