

# 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.

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, gender identities, and sexual orientations who are affirmed and accepted as a full participant in the life and work of this United Methodist congregation.

**Whoever you are...**  
whatever you've done,  
whoever you love,  
**and wherever you are in your journey of faith...**  
whatever you believe  
or whatever you don't believe,  
***You are welcome here!***

## **Ordinary Time**

Sunday, June 30, 2024, 10 am

Today 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 Nursery Room.

**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**

"Lord, save us from somber saints."  
~ St. Teresa of Avila

*The mind is its own place, and in itself  
Can make a Heaven of Hell, a Hell of Heaven.*  
~ John Milton, from *Paradise Lost*

“Unhappy souls always see happy souls as irritating.”

~ John Song

“People who are not solid and satisfied on the inside aren’t happy  
and they will never be durably happy with others.”

~ Melanie Tonia Evans

“You can’t spit at a smiling face.”

~ Korean Proverb

“In every genuine person, there is a child hidden who wants to play.”

~ Nietzsche

### Choosing Joy

“Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day.  
It is a choice based on the knowledge that we belong to God and have found in God our  
refuge and our safety and that nothing, not even death, can take God away from us.”

~ Henri Nouwen

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

### Prelude

*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
Arr. Cindy Berry

Holly Ota

### Bringing in the Light

### Welcome & the Life of the Church

AR Pointer

**\*Passing of Peace** (Wave to your neighbors near you with “**Peace of Christ be with you.**”)

### \*Centering Breath

Marieta Flores

### \*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

*This Is the Day*

#657 (2x)

### Psalm Reading

**Psalm 118:24**

“This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!”

### Book of Wisdom

**Proverbs 16:20**

“Happy are those that trust in the Lord.”

### \*Gospel Reading

**John 15:11**

“I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you  
and that your joy may be complete.”



**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.

**Postlude**

*Immortal, Invisible*

Holly Ota

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

Today's refreshments: Marieta Flores

Pastor John is on vacation and he'll return to office on July 2.

**Worship Leaders**

Ministers	Each one of us
Guest Preacher	AR Pointer
Pianist	Holly Ota
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgist	Maira & Allyson Sandoval-West
Greeters	Harry & Clarice Wiggins, Peter Telc
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.	June 30	10:00 am	<b>Worship Service</b> Guest Preacher: AR Pointer
		11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
		11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Mon.	July 1	1-3 pm	<b>Sewing Group</b> , St. Stephen's room
Thur.	July 4		OFFICE CLOSED / Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July! NO Thur. Bible Study (It will resume on July 18.) NO Food for Children Distribution this month!
Sun.	July 7	10:00 am	<b>Independence Day Celebration w Holy Communion</b>
		11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
		11:40 am	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

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