

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 believe that God's vision for human community include people of all
races/ethnicities/cultural/national origins, religions, social classes,
gender identities, sexual orientations, abilities, and ages.
We believe that a wider spectrum of human race creates
a more vibrant community to serve God and the world.

Our Vision and Purpose

Strengthening our mutual commitment
to work for the healing of the broken body of Christ,
as we serve together to co-create the world with God.

Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 25, 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

"For God is not a God of disorder but of peace."
~ 1 Corinthians 14:33a

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace."
~ Isaiah 9:6

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way."
~ 2 Thessalonians 3:16

"God is a presence that protects us from nothing,
yet unexplainably sustains us in all things."
~ James Finley

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Sweet hour of prayer

Marina Thomas

Bringing in the Light

Welcome & the Life of the Church

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

***Centering Breath**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Lord, open our lips and we will proclaim your praise.

People: We arise today, through God’s strength to power us.

Leader: God’s way to set us on the right path

People: God’s loving gaze to affirm us

Leader: God’s ear to hear us

People: God’s wisdom to guide us

Leader: God’s shield to protect us

People: God’s hand to lift us when we fall

Leader: God’s grace to sustain us

All: God’s embrace to gather us as ONE. Amen.

***Gathering Song**

How Great Thou Art

#77

Children’s Time

“Peace I Give To You”

Pastor John

Hebrew Reading

Isaiah 9:6

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Epistle Readings

Philippians 4:6-7

“⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

***Gospel Reading**

John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

John 16:33

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music***Looking Forward***

Brandon & Trisha Kett

by Neil Young

“*Looking Forward*” is a song mostly about hope and love.
It was written in 1999 by Canadian singer/songwriter Neil Young.

Message**“Peace I Give To You”**

Rev. John Song

Hymn Response*God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*

#122 (vs. 1-3)

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*“Stand up for Jesus”*

Marina Thomas

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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***Offertory Prayer (In unison)**

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. Amen.

Recessional SongLet There Be Peace on Earth*

#431

***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*“There shall be showers of blessing”*

Marina Thomas

*We warmly invite everyone to a delicious cup of good 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 Marieta Flores.

Worship Leaders

Pastor	Rev. John Song
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Duet	Brandon & Trisha Kett
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgist	Allyson Sandoval-West
Greeters	Harry & Clarice Wiggins, Peter Tele
Head Usher	Marieta Flores
Tech Team	Antonio Pantaleón, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano
Nursery Attendants	Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis
Coffee Hour	Marieta Flores, Tatyana Martinez

Opportunities

Monthly Potluck on the 1st Sunday of the Month

Sunday, September 1, 11:10 am, Social Hall

Starting next Sunday we are bringing back monthly potluck on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Bring a dish to share!

Association of Faith Communities (AFC) Safe Parking program

Sunday, September 8, 11:45 am, St Stephen's

Cristina Gomez-Hernandez, Watsonville program coordinator of AFC, will be giving a presentation of Safe Parking Program at our church parking lot, and possibly a shelter once a week or month. Pastor Kangse Lee of Santa Cruz UMC who is hosting both the Safe Parking Program and shelter program will also be present to answer questions from us.

Calendar for the Week

Sun.	Aug. 25	10:00 am	Worship Service
		11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
Sun.	Sep. 1	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
		11:10 am	Monthly Potluck , Social Hall

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