

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.

Celebration of Children's Music **Backpack/School Supplies Give Away Sunday**

Sunday, August 11, 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

"What, you think you just fell out of a coconut tree?"
~ Mother of Kamala Harris to her children

"All kids need is a little help, a little hope, and someone who believes in them."
~ Magic Johnson

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."
~ Catherine of Siena, the 14th century Italian mystic

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

I Need Thee Every Hour

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** (Responsive)

Leader: This the day that the Lord has made.

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

Leader: Make a joyful noise all you people,

People: **sing the glory of the earth, give praise to all creation.**

Gathering SongThis Is the Day*

#657 (2x)

Children's Time

"Where is a rainbow sent when it's been bad?"

Pastor John

Song in Response***This Little Light of Mine***

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3X)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Hide it under a bucket (NO), I'm gonna let it shine (3X)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine (3X)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hebrew Reading**Daniel 6: 6-11, 15-17, 19-23, 28***Daniel in the Den of Lions*

[In Daniel 6, Prophet Daniel prayed to God three times a day. Daniel's jealous rivals tricked Darius into issuing a decree that for thirty days no prayers should be addressed to any god or man but Darius himself; anyone who disobeys this edict is to be thrown to the lions.]

⁶ So these administrators and satraps (chief representatives of the king) went as a group to the king and said: "May King Darius live forever! ⁷ The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions' den. ⁸ Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed." ⁹ So King Darius put the decree in writing.

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.

¹⁵ Then the men went as a group to King Darius and said to him, "Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed." ¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!" ¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den.

¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" ²¹ Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty." ²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

²⁸ So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music*Asturiana*

Vanessa Yearsley, soprano

by Manuel de Falla

“To see if it would console me,
I went up to a green pine tree,
to see if it would console me.
Because he saw me cry, he cried,
and the pine tree was green.
Because he saw me cry, he cried.”

Children’s Music Performance

Music Teachers: Mike Locke-Paddon, Basillio Diego, Lara Willingham

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 Love You, Lord

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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*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.

Backpack/School Supplies Give Away

Erika Bernabe

*Recessional Song

There’ll Be Sunshine in the Morning

by Jim Strathdee

1. There’ll be sunshine in the morning, (3X)
Sunshine in the morning one of these days.
2. Freedom will come to all our brothers,
Freedom will come to all our sisters,
Freedom will come to all our children,
Freedom to all our children one of these days.
3. Peace shall come to every nation, (3X)
Peace to every nation one of these days.
4. Love shall live in every heart, (3X)
Love in every nation one of these days.

*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)

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

How Firm A Foundation

Marina Thomas

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

Worship Leaders

Pastor	Rev. John Song
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgist	Allyson Sandoval-West
Music Teachers	Mike Locke-Paddon, Basillio Diego
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, Tatyana Martinez

Opportunities

The Pajaro Valley CROP Hunger Walk with the Holy Walkamolies
Saturday, August 24, 2024 at Seacliff State Beach (State Park Dr., Aptos)

Registration: 9 am; Hunger Walk: 9:30 am; Picnic Lunch: 11 am

Invite your family, friends and neighbors on our mission to fight hunger in our community!

Bring a dish to share!

Weekly Bible Study is taking a summer break

It will resume in the first week of September.

Calendar for the Week

Sun.	Aug. 11	10:00 am	Backpack Give Away Sunday with Children's Music
		11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
Sun.	Aug. 18	10:00 am	Worship Service
			Guest Preacher: Aton Abril, District Lay Leader
		11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall

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