

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 With Holy Communion

Sunday, September 1, 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

"I was a hidden treasure and I desired to be known.
So I created the universe in order to be known."
~ Rabi'a al Adawiya, the 8th century Sufi mystic

"From space, I saw Earth not as a collection of nations,
but as a single entity with one destiny."
~ Ron Garan, ISS *astronaut*

"When you look at the Earth from space, you realize
that our planet is a beautiful, interconnected system.
We are all in this together."
~ Mae Jemison, Space Shuttle astronaut

“From space, you see the fragility of our planet and the urgent need to protect it.
We are all astronauts on this spaceship Earth.”
- Jean-Francois Clervoy, ESA astronaut

“Let us be the ancestors our descendants will thank.”
~ Morning Star

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Our Great Savior

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** by Jeff Ramsland of *Mohawk*

Creator, help us to discover in all *You* have made in Nature,
the good wisdom about the
interconnectedness of all things,
about balance and about living in harmony.

Creator made all that is, and proclaimed that “it is good.”

We are not above nature, we are part of Creation;
we live by the same laws as all of nature,
and need to learn from what God has made.

Creator made all that is, and proclaimed that “it is good.”

Creator, help us discover the power
that lies in the wisdom and understanding
of our role in the Great Mystery,
and in honoring every living thing as a teacher.

**Creator God, may our spirits be in harmony with Yours
as we gather in Your worship!**

***Gathering Song**

For the Beauty of the Earth

#92 (vs 1-4, 6)

Children’s Time

“A View of the Earth from Outer Space”

Pastor John

Epistle Readings

Romans 1:20

“Ever since the creation of the world God’s eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things God has made. So they are without excuse.”

1 Corinthians 13:12-13 (The Message)

¹² “We don’t yet see things clearly. We’re squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won’t be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We’ll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us!

¹³ But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.”

***Gospel Reading**

John 1:1-3

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being...”

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Message

“Overview Effect”

Rev. John Song

Hymn Response

How Great Thou Art

#77

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

Wonderful Peace

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.

#95

***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.

Celebration of Holy Communion / Celebración de la Santa Comunión

The Lord be with you. / *El Señor sea con ustedes.* Spanish Reader: Laura Andrade Sorensen
And also with you. / *Y también contigo.*

Lift up your hearts. / *Elevemos los corazones.*

We lift them up to the Lord. / *Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. / *Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.*

It is right to give our thanks and praise. / *Es justo darle gracias y alabanza.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you.

Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. In the fullness of time you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior, and at his birth the angels sang glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(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.

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 compartir la comunión del pan y de la copa.)

***Recessional Song**

Give Thanks

FWS #2036

***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

I've Got Peace Like a River

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
Pianist
Choir Leader
Liturgist
Greeters
Head Usher

Rev. John Song
Marina Thomas
Carmelita Abenoja
Mark Sorensen
Harry & Clarice Wiggins, Peter Telc
Marieta Flores

Tech Team
Nursery Attendants
Coffee Hour

Antonio Pantaleón, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano
Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis
Marieta Flores, Tatyana Martinez

Opportunities

Association of Faith Communities (AFC) Safe Parking program

Thursday, September 12, 1:15 pm, 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.

Weekly Wednesday Bible Study Resumes

September 11, 4 pm

Every Wednesday from 4 pm – 5 pm, St. Stephen's room

We will be studying the *Gospel of Luke* and *Acts* led by Pastor John.

The traditional view is that the *Gospel of Luke* (life and teachings of Jesus) and *Acts* (account of early Christian movement) were written by the physician Luke, a companion of St. Paul and the most literary of the New Testament writers. Many scholars believe him to be a Gentile Christian, though some scholars think Luke was a Hellenic (Greek) Jew.

Since Luke was an author of both *Gospel of Luke* and *Acts*, it is recommended to read them both as a single work. Therefore, we'll begin studying *Luke* followed by *Acts*.

Bring your Bible. Don't have one? We'll provide you.

All are welcome!

Calendar for the Week

Sun.	Sep. 1	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
		11:10 am	Monthly Potluck, Social Hall
Thu.	Sep. 5	4:00 pm	Food for Children, Back Parking Lot
Sun.	Sep. 8	10:00 am	Worship Service
		11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall

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Office Hours: Tue-Thu 9 am – 5 pm, Fri 9 am – 12 pm (Closed for lunch 12-1 pm)

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