

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door

Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 22, 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.

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

“It’s been said that prayer is to the soul what breathing is to the body.
The most basic act of prayer is expressed in two words, ‘Thank you.’
When we’re struggling with guilt and shame our prayer is, ‘Forgive me.’
When we’re hurting or afraid, it is ‘Help me.’
Daily we might offer our lives to God praying, ‘Use me.’”

~ Adam Hamilton, Senior Pastor of the UMC of the Resurrection, Leawood, Kansas

“Ultimately, the Lord’s prayer reveals more about how to live than how to pray.”
~ Dr. David Timms, Author, Pastor
Teacher of New Testament & Theology, Hope International Univ., Fullerton, CA

“The Lord’s Prayer is the prayer most used and least understood.
People think they are asking God for something. They are not. They are offering God something. The Lord’s Prayer is not a prayer to God to do something we want done.
It is more nearly God’s given prayer to us, to help Him do What He wants done.
The Lord’s prayer is not intercession... it is enlistment.”

~ Dr. Frank Charles Laubach, (1884 - 1970)
Author, Educator, Congregational Missionary to the Philippines in 1915. Founded churches in the island of Mindanao, the only American missionary to be honored on a 30 cent US Postage Stamp.

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude *If My People Will Pray* 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** Marieta Flores

***Call to Worship** (Responsive) Allyson Sandoval-West

From our busy lives, we have come into the presence of the Holy God.

We come, hungry for God's word and the Holy Spirit.

From the tension of our lives we come into the sanctuary of God.

We come for inspiration and encouragement.

We come hoping to glimpse the holy and to be transformed by it.

**All: And may the Holy Spirit join with us today, leading us toward faith,
nurturing our hope, and surrounding us with love.**

***Gathering Song**

Maker in Whom We Live

#88

(Tune: Diademata) like Crown Him with Many Crowns

Children's Time

"The Boy Samuel"

Carmelita Abenoja

Psalm Reading

Psalm 139: 1-6

Allyson Sandoval-West

¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Epistle Reading

Jude: 24-25

²⁴ "Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, ²⁵ to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

Gospel Readings

Luke 11:1-4

¹¹ He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

John 17: 9-10, 22-24

⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them.

²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one,²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music *Fuer Elize* Marina Thomas, Piano
L. Beethoven

Message “**The Lord's Prayer**” Carmelita Abenoja

Hymn in Response ***THE LORD'S PRAYER***
Tune: Finlandia
Arranged by Orrin L. Keener

Dear Lord, who art wherever love abideth,
May all mankind revere thy holy name;
Thy kingdom come in all its power and beauty
In all men's hearts, o'er all the earth, we pray;
Thy will be done—each of us true to duty—
In all we think, in all we do and say.

Give us this day our daily bread, our Father;
Forgive our debts, for we too have forgiven.
Lend us thy grace when we must face temptation:
Save us from evil at our work or play.
Thine is the kingdom; thine the power, our Father;
Thine be the glory, evermore. Amen.

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 *Let's Go Down to the River to Pray* Marina Thomas

***Doxology** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow #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.

***Recessional Song** *Savior Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise* #663

BENEDICTION (Responsive) Carmelita Abenoja

Leader: As we leave one another and this holy place, may we be surrounded by the love of God like a comforting embrace.

People: May we be protected by the gracious presence of your Holy Spirit like a warm embrace. May we be enlightened by the mind of Christ to seek the shadow and the light.

Leader: Go with goodness and with grace as God's beloved people. GO IN PEACE. AMEN.

{This ends the Live Streaming}

Prayers of the People

Carmelita Abenoja

- 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

The Lord's Prayer

Marina Thomas

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

Worship Leaders

Preaching	Carmelita Abenoja
Pianist	Marina Thomas
Choir Leader	Carmelita Abenoja
Liturgists	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, Tatyana Martinez

*Pastor John is away on Camp Retreat. He'll return to office on Thur. Sep. 26.

Opportunities

Weekly Wednesday Bible Study

Every Wednesday from 4 pm – 5 pm, St. Stephen’s room
(No Class on Sept. 25) *All are welcome!*

Calendar for the Week

Sun.	Sep. 22	10:00 am	Worship Service Preacher: Carmelita Abenoja
		11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
Wed.	Sep. 25		NO Wed. Bible Study Today! Resumes Oct. 2
Sun.	Sep. 29	10:00 am	Worship Service/ Sunday School with Joan
		11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall

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