

# 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.

## Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 29, 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

"My perception is always a diminishment of the other and a distortion of reality."  
~ Thomas Hübl, an Austrian teacher, author, and mystic

"To observe without evaluation and judgment is the highest form of human intelligence."  
~ Krishnamurti, a mid-20th century Indian philosopher

We see through the "**eye of flesh**", the "**eye of mind**", or the "**eye of spirit.**"  
~ Ken Wilber, an American theorist on transpersonal psychology and integral theory

"Attention is the purest form of generosity."  
~ Simone Weil, a mid-20th century French philosopher and mystic

"The most precious gift we can offer others is our presence."  
~ Thich Nhat Hanh

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

**Prelude**

*Here I Am, Lord*  
D. Schutte

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** (from Psalm 80)

Leader: Shepherd God, you companion us through the wilderness

**People: You cultivate the soil of our goodness**

Leader: You nourish us with the food of love

**People: With streams of living water**

Leader: Look upon us and see what love can do

**All: Rejoice in the new birth that you create!**

**\*Gathering Song**

*Sanctuary*

FWS #2164 (2x)

**Children’s Time**

**“How to Be a Good Listener”**

Pastor John

**Hebrew Reading**

**Proverbs 18:2**

“A fool takes no pleasure in understanding,  
but only in expressing personal opinion.”

**Epistle Readings**

**James 1:19**

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this:  
Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger.”

**\*Gospel Readings**

**Luke 8:18a**

“So pay attention to how you listen...”

**Matthew 5:8**

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Choir Anthem**

*God Hath Not Promised*

Words by Annie Johnson Flint; Music by Alfred B. Smith

God hath not promised skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through;  
God hath not promised sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

God hath not promised we shall not know  
Toil and temptations, trouble and woe;  
He hath not told us we shall not bear  
Many a burden, many a care.

God hath not promised smooth roads and wide,



*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
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

***Opportunities***

**Weekly Wednesday Bible Study**

Every Wednesday from 4 pm – 5 pm, St. Stephen's room  
*All are welcome!*

**Blessing of the Animals Sunday**

Come one come all. On **Sunday, October 13, 2024** we invite all animals, whether furry, scaled, or feathered to be blessed during the worship service. **We invite you to bring your pets so we can bless them in worship!**

**Calendar for the Week**

Sun.	Sep. 29	10:00 am	<b>Worship Service/ Sunday School with Joan</b>
		11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall
Wed.	Oct. 2	4:00 pm	<b>Wed. Bible Study</b> , St. Stephen's room
Thu.	Oct. 3	4:00 pm	<b>Food for Children</b> , Back Parking Lot
Sun.	Oct. 6	10:00 am	<b>World Communion Sunday/ Sunday School with Joan</b>
		11:10 am	Coffee Hour, Social Hall

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