

Welcome to Watsonville First United Methodist Church

Open Mind, Open Heart, Open Door

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.

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 6, 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

"Not to speak is to speak."

~ Dalaina May, lives in the jungles of Peru among the Caquinte tribe

"The most precious gift we can offer others is our presence."

~ Thich Nhat Hanh

"Attention is the purest form of generosity."

~ Simone Weil, a mid-20th century French philosopher and mystic

**(Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

Jesus, Name Above All Names
N. Hearn

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**

***Opening Prayer in Unison**

You created for yourself a world filled with diversity
and blessed by your breath of life.
Rainbow colors bloom in spring,
summer breezes bring garden delight,
and now as Autumn comes our way
we see the work of your paintbrush upon every face and tree.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Throughout God's world this day Christian churches are
celebrating the Holy Communion as one family dining
together in one room under one roof.

**People: Our sisters and brothers in Africa, Europe, Latin
America, Asia, Pacific Islands and all lands and countries
join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.**

Leader: Neither powers nor principalities shall stop us nor deter our
purpose, our desire to do good, our challenge to go forth as
disciples into every town, village, and crossroads proclaiming
the love of Christ for all creation.

**People: In Christ's love there is no East, no West, no North, no South,
but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.**

Leader: Let us praise Christ! May this holy meal empower each of us t
to be agents of hope and peace in a time of uncertainty and strife.

**People: The bread and wine are not for us alone, but are symbols
of a universal message that surpasses the might of missiles
and the walls of oppression.**

Leader: May Christ bless the worldwide Communion of His Church this day!

People: Praise be to Christ our Creator, Redeemer, and Savior!

***Gathering Song** *In Christ There Is No East or West* #548

Children's Time **"How to Be a Good Listener"** Pastor John

*Children may now leave for Sunday School
with the teacher, Joan Culbertson, to the Nursery room.*

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..."

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Message

“Ministry of Listening”

Pastor John

- Create Safe Space
- Maintain Confidentiality
- Slow Things Down
- Withhold Solutions
- Avoid Hijacking
- Slow, Silent, Stupid
- Trust Your Intuition and Inner Knowing

Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

FWS #2223 (vs. 1-3)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Marieta Flores made Filipino sweet rice “Biko” for Communion)

Prayer of Preparation for the World Communion Sunday

Jesus prayed that we might be one.

One in spirit. One in mission.

In union and communion with each other and with You.

**Today, God, we confess fumbblings and failures in accomplishing unity,
as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task.**

On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection
in the eyes of Christians everywhere.

Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences.

Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere.

We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion / Celebración de la Santa Comunción

The Lord be with you. / *El Señor sea con ustedes.*

Spanish Reader: Lucila Pantaleón

And also with you. / *Y también contigo.*

Lift up your hearts. / *Eleveamos 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.)

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

[The **World Communion Special Sunday** offering envelopes are available in the narthex. Your gifts support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals while also transforming communities. 50% percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. 35% percent supports ethnic scholarships for undergraduate students. 15% percent funds in-service training programs for racial and ethnic persons.]

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 *What a Mighty God We Serve* Marina Thomas
Arr. F. Bock

***Doxology** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #95

Presentation of Offering

***Offertory Prayer** (In unison)

God of all generations, as we worship today, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have and all that we are. We pray that you will help us be bold in our mission and in our witness. We pray this in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Recessional Song** *This Is My Song* #437

***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 *We Gather Together* Marina Thomas
Arr. F. Bock

*We warmly invite everyone to a monthly potluck lunch
and fellowship in the Social Hall following worship.*

Worship Leaders

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| Pastor | Rev. John Song |
| Pianist | Marina Thomas |
| Choir Leader | Carmelita Abenoja |
| Liturgist | Mark Sorensen |
| Spanish Reader | Lucila Pantaleón |
| Greeters | Harry & Clarice Wiggins, Peter Telc |
| Head Usher | Marieta Flores |
| Communion Steward | Marieta Flores |
| Tech Team | Antonio Pantaleón, Lucila Pantaleón, Elizabeth Reitano |
| Nursery Attendants | Tatyana Martinez, Julissa Solis |
| Coffee Hour | Marieta Flores, Tatyana Martinez |

Opportunities

Blessing of the Animals Sunday

Come one come all. Next **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!**

*Children and children at heart who do not have animals may bring their favorite stuff animals. For those who cannot bring their pets, bring a picture of the pet.

Membership Invitation

Anyone who is interested in becoming a member at Watsonville First UMC, please see or contact our pastor at johnsongumc@gmail.com or (650) 722-1277.

Weekly Wednesday Bible Study

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

Our **Church Conference** will be held on **Sat. Nov. 23 @ 10 am**

Calendar for the Week

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| Sun. | Oct. 6 | 10:00 am | World Communion Sunday/ Sunday School with Joan |
| | | 11:10 am | Coffee Hour, Social Hall |
| Wed. | Oct. 9 | 4:00 pm | Wed. Bible Study , St. Stephen's room |
| Thu. | Oct. 10 | 12:00 pm | United Methodist Women , St. Stephen's room |
| Sun. | Oct. 13 | 10:00 am | Blessing of Animals Sunday Preaching: Christine Hyde |
| | | 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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