

Announcements

January 26, 2025

1. Welcome: Welcome to all Newcomers and Visitors! Please join us downstairs after Worship Service for refreshments.

2. Unity Candle: Churches in the Presbytery are praying for the congregation hosting the candle each week. It is at Westview Presbyterian Church in Watsonville today. Their pastor is Rev. Dan Hoffman. They participate in “SonRise Kitchen” by serving breakfast 5 days a week at the Plaza Park in Watsonville.

3. Thursday Night Bible Study: The group has begun a study based on the book “Cojourners: Joining others in Spiritual Journey” and is being led by Dr. Wayne Shen. It meets from 7-8 PM on Zoom. Please email the church @ elesteropc@gmail.com to receive Zoom link and discussion materials.

4. Open Art Studio: The watercolor group will not meet in person on the 1st Saturday and will instead meet only on Zoom. All painting and sketching levels are welcome. You can email the church if you would like to be invited to the Zoom gathering at elesteropc@gmail.com.

5. Hiking Fellowship: Hikes will resume in March when the weather will be more predictable. Richard and Natsuko would like to learn about any new hiking paths you are interested in exploring.

6. Ukulele Music Fellowship: The next regular practice will be held on Saturday, February 1st following Fellowship. Beginners are always welcome. Please let Richard and Natsuko know if you are interested.

6. Donation Barrels: Donations are appreciated by The Salvation Army – Monterey Peninsula Corps and Food Bank for Monterey County who have barrels in our Fellowship Room.

*Consider
the lilies
of the
field, how
they grow;
they toil not,
neither do
they spin:
And yet I say
unto you, That
even Solomon
in all his glory
was not arrayed
like one of these.
Matthew 6: 28,29*



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Worship Order

Welcome & Announcements Wayne Shen

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn & Praise Song*

“All to Jesus I surrender”

“Amazing Grace”

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Julianne Porras-Center

Scripture Reading Richard Marquez

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved. (Psalm 127:1-2)

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food,

and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (Matthew 6:19-34)

Sermon Rev. Julianne Porras-Center

"Lessons from the Lilies and the Birds"

The Lord's Prayer Rev. Julianne Porras-Center

Closing Hymn* “Seek Ye First”

Benediction* Rev. Julianne Porras-Center

Fellowship with Church Family on Zoom

Richard & Natsuko Marquez

*Congregation Standing