

<i>Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us. This is the Lord’s house, and all are welcome here. We practice open hearts, open minds, and open doors. If you are able, please stand while speaking or singing when indicated by an asterisk*.</i>		
Gathering	“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”	UMH 176
Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne, unto his own; his anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the Name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus the King. Majesty, worship his majesty; Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.		
Welcome and Announcements		Rafferty Cleary
Minute for Missions	Road Trip VBS	Debbie Roberts
Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ		Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolyte
*Call to Worship	<i>by Lisa Hancock</i>	Rafferty Cleary
Leader: Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.		
People: Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!		
Leader: We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.		
People: Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!		
Leader: We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.		
People: Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!		
Leader: The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God’s faithfulness to save.		
People: Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!		
* Hymn of Praise	“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” <u>You may be Seated</u>	UMH 278
Prayer of Confession		Rafferty Cleary
Merciful God, As we enter Holy Week, we turn our hearts again to you. We confess that, like the crowds in Jerusalem, we are quick to cheer for you when all is well— but slow to follow when the road turns hard. We wave palms and shout “Hosanna,” but we fail to recognize the true cost of your love. We praise you with our lips, yet deny you by our choices and actions. Forgive us for the times we have turned away— from your call, from your cross, from each other. Create in us clean hearts, O God. Renew our spirits. As we walk with you this week toward the cross, give us courage to stay near, to watch, to weep, and to hope. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.		

Anthem	“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”	Choir
Hymn of Preparation	“Who Is He”	W&S 3082
Who is he who comes in triumph? Who is he who comes to die, Comes in peace and comes in power, hidden One now lifted high? Jesus, Jesus, Lord, Messiah, mighty Master of the grave! See him ride, the King of glory! God himself has come to save!		
See him there in humble splendor. Hear them shouting all around. Joy explodes in wild procession. Praise is now the victor’s crown. “Glory, glory in the highest!” Like the angels hear them sing, Dancing ‘round the Long awaited once their hope, and now their King.		
Rise and join the glad procession! Hear them passing by again All the ransomed, all his children, marching to Jerusalem! Look ahead the gates of splendor! Hear the everlasting hymn! Open wide your hearts in worship! Let the King of glory in!		
* Scripture Reading	Luke 19:28-40	Pastor Fabian
Entrance into the final days		
19:28 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.		
19:29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples,		
19:30 saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.		
19:31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"		
19:32 So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.		
19:33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"		
19:34 They said, "The Lord needs it."		
19:35 Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.		
19:36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.		
19:37 Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen,		
19:38 saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"		
19:39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."		
19:40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."		
Message	“Open the Gates”	Pastor Fabian
*Hymn of Response	“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”	UMH 371

Offertory Prayer Rafferty Cleary

God of Peace, who reigns in unexpected ways, we gather before you in this season of Lent, bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kingdom. Use these gifts to bring hope, healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Guide us to give generously with joyful hearts, knowing that in our giving, we proclaim your reign of grace. Bless these offerings and all who give in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Offertory Music Jill Jones-Lazuka

* Congregational Response “Doxology” UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* Sending Forth Jill Jones-Lazuka and Acolytes

**Grace to you, grace to you, God’s great grace to you.
As you walk thro’ your life in joy or strife, God’s grace, God’s grace to you.**

* Blessing and Benediction Pastor Fabian

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Prayer Updates 4/6/2025
Kathy Brandes—in hospital (Gay Teeple’s sister)
Family & Friends of Bud Brewer
Larry Robbins (Judy Webster)

This Weeks Birthday
April 15 Margaret Morales

Upcoming Events
April 14 Lunch Bunch at 11:30 am
April 14 VBS Planning Meeting at 2:00 pm.
April 14 Administrative Council Meeting at 6:00 pm.
April 18 Good Friday Service at 6:00 pm.
April 20 Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 am.

Messages & Other Notes
Donuts & Coffee – Starting May 4th!
Come early and enjoy **donuts and coffee at 10:30 AM** before the service.
This is a great opportunity to fellowship, catch up with friends, and start the morning with a sweet treat. We look forward to seeing you there!
Volunteers Needed:
We could use a few helping hands to make this happen—like making coffee and picking up donuts.
If you’d like to help, please let us know!

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April 13, 2025 Palm/Passion Sunday

*The Mission of Monterey United Methodist Church is to be servants of God,
by responding to the needs of the Monterey community in such a way that everyone
in Monterey knows the transforming love of Jesus.*



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Frances Eldridge -CLM, Music Director	Rafferty Cleary , Liturgist
Linda Jensen , Greeter	Usher Leader

Sundays	Small Group	9:45 a.m.	-	10:45 a.m.
	Worship	11:00 a.m.	-	12:00 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	12:00 p.m.	-	1:00 p.m.
	AA Group	6:00 p.m.	-	7:00 p.m.
Mondays	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m.	-	12:30 p.m.
Fridays	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m.	-	12:30 p.m.