

<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	“He Has Made Me Glad”	TFWS 2270
I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter his courts with praise. I will say, “This is the day that the Lord has made.” I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.		
Welcome and Announcements		Donna Ray
Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ		Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolyte
*Call to Worship	<i>by Lisa Hancock</i>	Donna Ray
Leader: When we struggle to live as you teach us, and we fail to answer your call... People: God, your steadfast love surrounds us. Leader: When the truth clogs up in our throat, and we fear what will happen if we speak and if we keep silent... People: God, your steadfast love surrounds us. Leader: When we open our hearts and let the truth of our sorrows, our sin, our joys, and our doubts flow freely... People: God, your steadfast love surrounds us. Leader: When our stubborn hearts encounter the grace that teaches and guides us into a life of trust and joyful obedience... People: God, your steadfast love surrounds us today and every day. Thanks be to God! Amen.		
* Hymn of Praise	“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” <u>You may be Seated</u>	UMH 160
The Lord’s Prayer		Donna Ray
Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.		

Anthem	“Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord”	Choir
Hymn of Preparation	“Grace Greater than Our Sin”	UMH 365
* Scripture Reading	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Pastor Fabian
<i>The mystery and ministry of reconciliation</i> 5:16From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. 5:17So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! 5:18All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 5:19that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 5:20So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. 5:21For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.		
Message	“Steadfast Love”	Pastor Fabian
*Hymn of Response	“Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”	W&S 3104
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost by now am found; was blind but now I see. ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear; and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. Refrain: My chains are gone, I’ve been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me. And like a flood his mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace. The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures. He will my shield and portions be as long as life endures. (Refrain) The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forebear to shine. But God who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine. You are forever mine.		

Offertory Prayer

Donna Ray

Gracious God, our refuge and restorer, we bring these gifts as a sign of our return to you. Like the prodigal, we long to feel your embrace and live in the light of your grace. As we observe this holy time of Lent, may our offerings reflect hearts that are turning back to you. Clear the clogs in our lives that separate us from you and one another and help us see the rainbow of your promise even in our struggles. Bless these gifts and our lives so that we may share your steadfast love with the world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. 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

“God Be with You till We Meet Again” v.1

Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide,
Uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you.

* Blessing and Benediction

Pastor Fabian

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Prayer Updates 3/23/2025

Scott Logsdon traveling across country (John & Karen Logsdon)
Thanks for all the prayers for Debi Maki’s nephew.

This Weeks Birthday

March	30	Bill Wiggins
April	4	Vicki Henley

This Weeks Anniversary

April	4	Richard & Suzy Jackson
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Weekly Giving for 3/23/2025

Weekly Budget needs:	\$2439.15
Weekly Giving received:	<u>\$2336.99</u>
Budget Giving: Over/Under:	(\$ 102.16) under

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March 30, 2025

4th Sunday in Lent

*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	Donna Ray, Liturgist
Richard Jackson, 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.