

<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	“Holy Ground”	TFWS 2272
We are standing on holy ground, and I know there are angels all around; Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.		
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Welcome and Announcements		Sandi Vanacore
Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ		Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolyte
*Call to Worship	<i>by Sally Johnson</i>	Sandi Vanacore
Leader: The God of day and darkness moves among us...		
People: We are the people of Living Water.		
Leader: The God of hope and promise lives among us...		
People: We are the people of Living Water.		
Leader: The God of the lost and lonely calls us by name...		
People: We are the people bathed in the Living Water of Creation, God’s kin, traveling toward home and a love that will not let us go.		
* Hymn of Praise	“Blessed Assurance” <u>You may be Seated</u>	UMH 369
Prayer of Confession		Sandi Vanacore
Leader: For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord...		
Leader: For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord...		
Leader: For women, though without children of their own, who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us, we pray to the Lord...		
Leader: For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families, we pray to the Lord...		
People: Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.		

Hymn of Preparation	“Hymn of Promise”	UMH 707
* Scripture Reading	John 10:22-30 <i>Jesus promises life to his sheep</i>	Pastor Fabian
10:22 At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,		
10:23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.		
10:24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."		
10:25 Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me,		
10:26 but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep.		
10:27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.		
10:28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.		
10:29 My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all else, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand.		
10:30 The Father and I are one.”		
Message	“Springs of Living Water”	Pastor Fabian
* Hymn of Response	“Lamb of God”	TFWS 2113
Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side, to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.		
Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in his precious blood – my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.		
Your gift of love, they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died, the humble king they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Refrain)		
I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side, to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. (Refrain)		
Offertory Prayer		Sandi Vanacore
God, you have delivered us from hunger and from thirst by the fruits of your creation. The gifts you have given overflow before us. In return, we offer these gifts back to you, and back to those who suffer from ecological degradation and climate change. May the gifts we give enable the building of the healed world envisioned in Revelation. Amen.		
Offertory Music		Jill Jones-Lazuka

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

Go Now in Peace

Jill Jones-Lazuka and Acolytes

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may love of God surround
you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

* Blessing and Benediction

Pastor Fabian

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This Weeks Birthday

May 17 Jennifer Aguirre

Upcoming Events

Monterey Garden Club Meeting – May 13

The Monterey Garden Club will meet at Johnson's Nursery in Cookeville at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 13. If you would like to caravan or carpool to Johnson's, please meet at the MUMC parking lot on Crawford Avenue at 9:20 AM. We will depart for Cookeville promptly at 9:30 AM. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mother’s Day Prayer

Let us take a moment now to give thanks and lift up a prayer for all the mothers in our lives.

Gracious and loving God,

Today we thank You for the gift of mothers — for all who have nurtured, guided, and loved us with strength and tenderness. We honor birth mothers, adoptive mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and all those who mother in spirit — offering wisdom, encouragement, and care. For mothers who are with us and for those who have gone before us, For those who long to be mothers, For those who have known the pain of loss, distance, or grief — May Your comfort, grace, and love surround them all.

Bless the hands that have held us, the hearts that have shaped us, and the prayers that have lifted us up.

We thank You, God, for the gift of a mother’s love — and for the way it reflects Your own unfailing love for us. In Jesus’ name we pray, **Amen.**

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4th Sunday of Easter

*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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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.