

<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	“Great Is the Lord”	TFWS 2022
Refrain: Great is the Lord, he is holy and just; by his power we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true; by his mercy he proves he is love. Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise. Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise. Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great are you, Lord! Great are you Lord!		
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: In the beginning was the Dream. People: And the Dream was with God and spoke for peace. Leader: In the beginning was the Dream. People: And the Dream was with God and spoke for justice. Leader: In the beginning was the Dream. People: And the Dream was with God and longed for love. We come to worship the God of the Dream in a spirit of peace, justice, and love, longing to glimpse the promise of a holy dwelling place for all creation.		
* Hymn of Praise	“Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling” <u>You may be Seated</u>	UMH 384
Apostles’ Creed		Sandi Vanacore
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.		
Anthem	“The Waters of Grace”	Choir
Hymn of Preparation	“In the Midst of New Dimensions” <u>See Insert</u>	TFWS 2238

* Scripture Reading	John 13:31-35 <i>Love one another</i>	Pastor Fabian
13:31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 13:32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 13:33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' 13:34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 13:35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."		
Message	“A New World”	Pastor Fabian
* Hymn of Response	“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”	TFWS 2223
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: Refrain: And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain) We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain) All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son, and all praise to the Sprit, who makes us one: (Refrain)		
Offertory Prayer		Sandi Vanacore
Giver of life, You are the source of all good things. We entrust to you our gifts, That you would use them to make all know That with you, they are beloved, whole, and restored. 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 “In the Midst of New Beginning” Jill Jones-Lazuka and Acolytes

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people,
ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

* Blessing and Benediction Pastor Fabian
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This Weeks Birthday

May 22 Jan Stansell

Upcoming Events

 **VBS Planning Meeting – Thursday, May 22 at 4:00 PM**
Planning for this year’s **Vacation Bible School** is underway, and we need your help!
Join us for a **VBS Planning Meeting on Thursday, May 22 at 4:00 PM** as we organize and assign roles. We’re looking for volunteers to assist with:
Scheduling & daily flow, Setup & breakdown (classrooms, fellowship hall, and sanctuary)
Station support: Bible storytelling, crafts, science, music, and recreation, Group guides, And Road Trip activities.
Whether it’s your first time or you’ve helped before, you are welcome and needed!
Let’s work together to make this year’s VBS a meaningful and memorable experience for our kids and community.

 **Memorial Day Lunch Friday, May 23. Lunch** will be served at **11:30 AM**.
Join us for delicious food and warm fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!
Please Note: There will be **no Lunch Bunch on Monday, May 26**.

 **Men’s Bible Study**  **Saturday, May 31**  **8:00 AM**
Join us for a meaningful morning of prayer, fellowship, and Bible study, as we gather to grow in faith and encourage one another. This month’s scripture focus: Psalm 112:1–10
After our study, we’ll head out together for breakfast at a local restaurant—a great time to connect and share life. All men are welcome—bring a friend!

 **Road Trip VBS**  **June 9th–13th | 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM**
 *Monterey United Methodist Church*
Join us for a week of fun, faith, and fellowship for all ages — **PreK through Adults!**
 **Dinner served at 5:00 PM**
 **Assembly begins at 6:00 PM**
Register in advance at: monterey-united-methodist-church.mycokesburyvbs.com
For questions or help with registration, contact Debbie at **931-839-2597**.

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*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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Beth Carter, 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.

In the Midst of New Dimensions

1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,
3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

Refrain

wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
Who will light the flame of care?
might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,
each a love song to be sung.
res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.