

<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	“Make Us One, Lord”	TFWS 2224
Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one. Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.		
Welcome and Announcements		Teresa Targosz
Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ		Jan Stansell & Acolytes
*Call to Worship		Teresa Targosz
Leader: Welcome to worship today. Bring your joys and burdens to the Lord. People: For God hears the cries of our hearts and heals our wounded souls. Leader: Remember the wondrous deeds that God continues to perform in your life. People: Let us be thankful for all the mercies and tenderness that God offers to us. Leader: Come, praise the Lord with all your heart and soul. People: Let our voices raise in a powerful concert of praise and thanksgiving. AMEN.		
* Hymn of Praise	“Ye Servants of God” <u>You may be seated</u>	UMH 181
Prayer of Confession		Teresa Targosz
Merciful Lord, we know that you want the best for us. It must really disappoint you when we fail to be the kind of devoted followers that you need. You know of the needs in this world and the capability that we have of meeting those needs and bringing words of hope and healing through actions of compassion and justice. Yet we are hesitant in our commitment to you and to ministries of peace. We want good things to happen. We just aren’t sure that we are up to the tasks you set before us. Forgive us when we so easily doubt your call, your presence, and your abiding love. Lift us up from lives of self-pity and self-centeredness, and bring us to you with hearts filled with joy, praising you for opportunities to witness to your love in our service to your people. Heal us and restore us, for we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.		
Hymn of Preparation	“Children of the Heavenly Father”	UMH 141

* Scripture Reading	Galatians 5:1, 13-25 <u>See Insert</u>	Pastor Fabian
Message	“Called to Freedom”	Pastor Fabian
* Hymn of Response	“Freely, Freely”	UMH 389
Offertory Prayer		Teresa Targosz
Liberating God, who calls us to true freedom, we offer these gifts as signs of our commitment to live by the Spirit’s leading. May our generosity reflect your love that is joyful, peaceful, patient, and kind. Through your grace, may we sow seeds of compassion and justice, nurturing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives and the world. Guide us to use our freedom not for ourselves but for service, so that we may build communities of faith and hope. With thankful hearts, we dedicate ourselves to your transforming work. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.		
Offertory Music		Jan Stansell
* 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	“Freely, Freely”	Jan Stansell & Acolytes
He said, “Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.”		
* Blessing and Benediction		Pastor Fabian
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Prayer Updates 6/22/2025
Victoria Williamson—hospital (Judy Webster)
Family & Friends of Jody Woods (Debi Maki)

This Weeks Birthdays
June 30 Fabian Valtierra
July 1 Terry Harris
July 2 Kathy Herron
July 3 Kathy Brandes

This Weeks Anniversary
July 5 Bob & Debi Maki

Messages & Other Notes
Today is 5th Sunday Lunch!
Please join us immediately following the worship service for our 5th Sunday Lunch.
This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a meal together and spend time in fellowship.
All are welcome!

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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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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.

*Scripture Reading Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Pastor Fabian

New Living Translation

Freedom in Christ

5:1 So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.

13 For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. 14 For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." [a] 15 But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another.

Living by the Spirit's Power

16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. 17 The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. 18 But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.

19 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. 25 Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.