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\*.

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Phillip Choate

Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ

Jill-Jones Lazuka & Acolytes

\*Call to Worship

by Dr. Lisa Hancock

Phillip Choate

Leader: Children of God, in Jesus, Love became flesh and moved into the neighborhood.

**People:** We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

Leader: In Jesus, we meet the fullness of God with no barriers to access.

People: We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

Leader: In Jesus, our separation from God, neighbor, self, and creation has been removed.

We are free for divine and loving connection once again.

**People:** We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

Leader: Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God, whose power makes Love

visible to us so that we might reflect Love to the world.

People: Come, let us worship Christ, Love who came to dwell among us and within us!

\* Hymn of Praise

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**UMH 103** 

You may be seated

Anthem Choir

Prayer of Confession Phillip Choate

Forgive us, O God, when we limit you –When we remake you in our image, When we claim our causes as your own, When we box you in, and explain you away, And in our attempts at understanding, whittle away all mystery.

Forgive us for our human impulses, and change us:

Awaken us to your glory, Confound us by your love, Shower us with grace so that we will be made new, Recreated in your image, Grateful for all that we cannot know. In the name of Christ, who brought us closer to you, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation "It Is Well with My Soul" UMH 377

\* Scripture Reading Luke 10:38-42 NLT Pastor Fabian

Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

- 38. As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a Certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.
- 39. Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught.
- 40. But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me."
- 41. But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details!
- 42 There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."

Message "What Really Matters" Pastor Fabian

\* Hymn of Response "Christ Beside Me" TFWS 2166

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, King of my heart; Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me shield in the strife; Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising light of my life.

Offertory Prayer Phillip Choate

Holy and Reconciling God, in Christ, you have made the invisible visible, bringing us home with love beyond measure. As we offer these gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for your presence in our lives. Use them to build your kingdom, to restore what is broken, and to remind the world of your grace. May our giving be an act of thanksgiving, a sign of the ordinary magic of your love at work among us. In all things, may we live to your glory. 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!

"Holy Ground" \* Sending Forth Jill-Jones Lazuka & Acolytes

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**Pastor Fabian** \* Blessing and Benediction 

### Prayer Updates 7/13/2025

**Dorothy Burns** 

Marlon Lazuka

Caleb Skaggs

Haley Swafford

## This Weeks Birthday

July Frances Eldridge Abigail Valtierra July Josef Valtierra July

## **Messages & Other Notes**

Men's Bible study and breakfast Saturday July 26th at 8:00 am.



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## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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.