

<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	“Through It All”	UMH 507
Through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to trust in Jesus, I’ve learned to trust in God; Through it all, through it all, I’ve learned to depend upon God’s word.		
Welcome and Announcements	Jennifer Aguirre	
Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ	Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolyte	
*Call to Worship	<i>written by Dr. Lisa Hancock</i>	Jennifer Aguirre
Leader: Beloved, we gather today as inheritors of faith in God’s salvific work, a faith handed down to us over generations that we claim and proclaim today in this community.		
People: By faith, we follow God’s call as we journey toward a better country.		
Leader: By faith, our grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and friends shared God’s love with us, a love that longs to draw us all as members of the Body of Christ.		
People: By faith, we follow God’s call as we journey toward a better country.		
Leader: By faith, we remember the story today, the story of God’s desire for all creation to be reconciled to God and one another.		
People: By faith, we follow God’s call as we journey toward a better country.		
Leader: By faith, we carry the faith forward, building a community of belonging, provision, and care as we journey with God toward a better country.		
People: By faith, we gather to nourish and encourage one another on the journey toward a better country as we build God’s already-but-not-yet kingdom here and now. Amen.		
* Hymn of Praise	“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”	UMH 127
<u><i>You may be Seated</i></u>		
Anthem	Choir	
Prayer of Confession	Jennifer Aguirre	
God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Jesus Christ, God of our mothers and fathers, you are a God who acts in history. Yet we confess that we are too busy with our own lives to perceive you at work in our time. We fall into fear and despair about our troubled world, as if you had no care for us. Forgive our lack of faith and help us to join you as you labor to bring new life on earth; in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.		

Hymn of Preparation	"I Know Whom I Have Believed"	UMH 714
* Scripture Reading	Hebrews: 11:1-3 8-10 14-16	Pastor Fabian
Great Examples of Faith		
1. Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. 2. Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. 3. By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God’s command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen. 8 It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. 9 And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. 10 Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God. 14 Obviously people who say such things are looking forward to a country they can call their own. 15 If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back. 16 But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.		
Message	"Not any Faith"	Pastor Fabian
* Hymn of Response	"I Come with Joy" <i>verses 1-4</i>	UMH 617
Thanksgiving & Communion	Pastor Fabian	
*Offertory Prayer	Jennifer Aguirre	
Faithful and Gracious God, you have called us to be a people of hope, to trust in what we cannot see. As we bring these gifts before you, we offer not only our resources but also our faith -- faith that you are at work in our giving, building a future of justice, mercy, and love. Bless these offerings, that they may be signs of our longing for your kingdom and our trust in your promises. May our generosity inspire others to live with courage and conviction, seeking that better country you have prepared for us. In Christ’s name, we pray. 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

“I Come with Joy”

Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

* Blessing and Benediction

Pastor Fabian

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Prayer Updates 8/3/2025
Kathy Brandes—in hospital (Gay Teeple)
Marlon Lazuka

Messages & Other Notes
Join the **Monterey Garden Club** on **Tuesday, August 12 at 10:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall, featuring guest speaker Katy from a local flower farm.
Movie and Game Night – Friday, August 15, 6–8 PM. Join us for fun and fellowship! Volunteers are needed for planning and setup.
Clean-Up Day
Join us Saturday, August 16, from 10:00 AM–2:00 PM in the Agape Room as we prepare the new space for ministry. Volunteers are needed—come for an hour or the whole time. Your help is greatly appreciated!
Burks First Grade Christmas Shopping
Gift collection is underway! Please place new or gently used items in the tote by the side doors now through September.



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If you would like to make a donation, simply scan the QR code with your smartphone. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of our church.

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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.