

Welcome! We are so glad you’ve chosen to worship with us today. This is the Lord’s house, and here everyone is truly welcome. Our doors, our hearts, and our minds are open to you. We invite you to make yourself at home in this sacred space, and to join fully in worship as we sing, pray, and praise God together. When you see an asterisk (*) in the bulletin, please stand as you are able—your presence and participation bring life and joy to our worship.

Gathering “Here I Am to Worship” W&S 3177

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you’re my God.
You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

Welcome and Announcements Sandi Vanacore

Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolyte

*Call to Worship *written by Dr. Lisa Hancock* Sandi Vanacore

Leader: We come seeking refuge in a world where goodness and good news can feel far away.

People: God is our hope and our refuge.

Leader: We come searching for safety in a world that often calls foolishness wisdom and wisdom foolishness.

People: God is our hope and our refuge.

Leader: We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all the ways people work against the abundant life and flourishing of their neighbors.

People: God is our hope and our refuge.

Leader: Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God who delivers and restores us.

People: May God teach us and guide us to find refuge and be refuge with and for our neighbors today and every day.

* Hymn of Praise “Here I Am to Worship” W&S 3177

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.
Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you’re my God.
You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, O so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created, all for love’s sake became poor.
Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you’re my God.
You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.
And I’ll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.
I’ll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.
I’ll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.
You may be Seated

Anthem “God Leads Us Along” Choir

Chorus “You Are My Hiding Place” TFWS 2055

You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance,
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you, I will trust in you.
Let the weak say, “I am strong in the strength of the Lord.” I will trust in you.

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

Hymn of Preparation “The First Song of Isaiah” TFWS 2030

Refrain:
Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name. (Refrain)

Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. (Refrain)

Cry aloud in habitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. (Refrain)

* Scripture Reading Psalm 14 Pastor Fabian

14:1 Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

14:2 The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

14:3 They have all gone astray; they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

14:4 Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD?

14:5 There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

14:6 You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.

14:7 O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Message “Our Hope is the Lord” Pastor Fabian

* Hymn of Response “Amazing Grace” UMH 378

*Offertory Prayer Sandi Vanacore

Almighty God, our refuge and strength, receive these offerings as signs of our trust. Use them, and use us, for the healing of your people and the building of your kingdom. We give, not because all is well, but because you are good. 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

“The First Song of Isaiah” Chorus

Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

* Blessing and Benediction

Pastor Fabian

+++++

- Prayer Updates 8/31/2025
- Marlon Lazuka
- This Week’s Birthday
- Sept. 17 Harold Broughton
- This Week’s Anniversary
- Sept. 17 John & Karen Logsdon
- Messages & Other Notes
- Sept. 16 Staff Parrish meeting at 5:00 pm.
- Sept. 18 Trustees meeting at 4:00 pm.
- Sept. 20 Men’s Bible Study at 8:00 am.



Scan to Give
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.

MONTEREY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

124 North Holly Street ☒ Monterey, TN 38574
church@montereyumc.com ☒ Facebook @Monterey United Methodist Church

September 14, 2025

14th 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.*



Fabian Valtierra, Pastor

738aguaviva@gmail.com | office: 931-839-2597 | cell: 931-210-0133

Fabian Valtierra, Pastor
Debbie Roberts, Admin. Assistant
Marcia Halpin, Greeter

Frances Eldridge-CLM, Music Director
Jill Jones-Lazuka, Pianist
Sandi Vanacore, Liturgist

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.