

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 “Jesus, Name above All Names” TFWS 2071

**Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.**

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: When we are surrounded on every side, wondering which way is up and which way is down...

People: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

Leader: When we question which way to go and how to follow God’s path for us...

People: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

Leader: When we find our rest in God and long for others to know the sweet peace of God’s embrace...

People: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

Leader: Today, as we gather for worship, may we come ready to listen and discern God’s help that meets us right where we are.

People: Help us, God, to receive your help and to extend your help to our neighbors, all for the glory of your name.

* Hymn of Praise “Days of Elijah” W&S 3186

You may be Seated

**These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord.
And these are the days of your servant, Moses; righteousness being restored.
And these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”**

Refrain:

**Behold he comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call.
So lift your voice, it’s the year of Jubilee. And out of Zion’s hill salvation comes.**

**These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of your servant, David, rebuilding the temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest; the fields are as white in the world.
And we are your laborers in your vineyard declaring the Word of the Lord.** (Refrain)

Anthem “Sea of Mercy” Choir

Chorus “Jesus, Name above All Names” TFWS 2071

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The Lord’s Prayer UMH 894

Hymn of Preparation “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” TFWS 2171

**Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

* Scripture Reading Psalm 79:1-9 Pastor Fabian

Deliver us and forgive our sins

1. O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.
2. They have given the bodies of your servants to the birds of the air for food, the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.
3. They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.
4. We have become a taunt to our neighbors, mocked and derided by those around us.
5. How long, O LORD? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?
6. Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you and on the kingdoms that do not call on your name.
7. For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation.
8. Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.
9. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

Message “For the Glory” Pastor Fabian

* Hymn of Response “I Love You, Lord & My Jesus, I Love Thee” vv. 1,2,4 CH 78 & 79

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, Oh, my soul rejoice,
Take joy, my king, in what you hear: Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.
My Jesus, I love Thee, I know thou art mine. For thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

*Offertory Prayer Sandi Vanacore

Unshakable God, you are our refuge in joy and in sorrow. Even when all feels lost, your mercy remains. Receive these gifts, offered in trust, as signs of your presence and tools of healing in a hurting world. Help us live our praise, even in lament, as your people who believe in your goodness. 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 “I Love You, Lord” Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

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* Blessing and Benediction Pastor Fabian

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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.