

***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 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” TFWS 2193

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Welcome and Announcements Marcia Halpin

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

*Call to Worship Marcia Halpin

Leader: We worship because the Lord stood by us on difficult days.
People: Even when we weren’t aware and felt alone.
Leader: We worship because the Lord gives strength.
People: Even when we feel so weak.
Leader: We worship because we have been rescued again and again.
People: Even when we are afraid that we have lost.
Leader: Come and worship the God who stands with us in our darkest days and promises to be with us to the end.
People: We will worship in hope, seeking eyes to see and hearts to believe in God with us.

* Hymn of Praise “I Stand Amazed in the Presence” UMH 371
You may be seated after last verse

Solo William Gentry

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

Choral Response “Gloria Patri” UMH 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation “The Lord’s Prayer”
Our Father, which are in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not in to temptation, But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever., Amen, Amen.

* Scripture Reading Luke 18:9-14 Pastor Fabian
A Pharisee and tax collector pray

9. He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:
10. **"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.**
11. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.
12. **I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.'**
13. But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'
14. **I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."**

Message "Humble Faith" Pastor Fabian

* Hymn of Response “Just as I Am, Without One Plea” UMH 357

*Offertory Prayer Marcia Halpin

Humble and merciful God, you do not require perfection, only a heart that is open. Receive these gifts, not as a sign of our righteousness, but as a humble offering from those who know they need your grace. Teach us again that generosity begins not in pride, but in gratitude—not in proving our worth, but in trusting yours. May what we give today grow into mercy, justice, and joy in the lives of others and in our own. In Jesus’ name, we pray. 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 “Rain Down” Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes
**Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.
Rain down, rain down, rain down, your love, God of life.**

* Blessing and Benediction Pastor Fabian
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Prayer Updates 10/19/2025

John Barwick
Kathy Brandes
Johnny Dunn
Frances Eldridge
Saundra Gilmore
J W Holloway
Gill Wats

This Weeks Birthdays

Lousie Vail—26th
Dalia Valtierra—27th
Beth Carter—30th
Gerri Reese—30th

Messages and other notes

No Lunch Bunch Monday October 27th.
Trunk or Treat Friday October 31st.

☀️ Agape Thrift Grand Opening!

We’re excited to announce the **Grand Opening of Agape Thrift** on **Saturday, November 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

We’ll also be holding a **Yard Sale** that day!
If you have items you’d like to donate, please contact the church office.

We are also seeking **volunteers** to help with Agape Thrift.
If you’re interested in serving, please sign up on the **sheet located on the table in the hallway.**

Come celebrate with us and help make this new ministry a blessing to our community!



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.

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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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Sandi Vanacore , Greeter	Marcia Halpin , 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.