

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

"We Will Glorify the King of Kings"

TFWS 2087

**We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb:
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.**

**Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before his throne;
We will worship him in righteousness, we will worship him alone.**

**He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live;
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to him we give.**

Welcome and Announcements

Kathy Herron

Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ

Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolyte

*Call to Worship

Kathy Herron

Leader: Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!
I myself will gather my flock and bring them back to their fold.

People: **God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

Leader: I will raise up for David a righteous branch, who shall reign and deal wisely and execute justice and righteousness in the land.

People: **God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

Leader: God will give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

People: **God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us to give light to those who sit in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

People: **God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

* Hymn of Praise

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"
You may be seated after last verse

UMH 327

Affirmation of Faith

"Romans 8:35, 37-39"

UMH 887

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

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

UMH 381

* Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Pastor Fabian

1. Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.
2. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.
3. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.
4. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.
5. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
6. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Message

"Woe to the Shepherds"

Pastor Fabian

* Hymn of Response

"Victory in Jesus"

UMH 370

* Offertory Prayer

Compassionate Shepherd, You do not abandon your flock, even when we wander or divide. You gather us in Christ, our righteousness, and teach us to live in unity, mercy, and peace. As we bring these gifts, may they be signs of our desire to follow your way—offering compassion where there has been hurt, justice where there has been harm, and hope where there has been despair. Strengthen us to live as people waiting not in fear, but in faith—serving the reign of Christ not just with words, but with lives shaped by generosity and love. In the name of the One who gathers and leads us always. Amen.

Offertory Music

* Congregational Response

"Doxology"

Jill Jones-Lazuka

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

"We Will Glorify the King of Kings"

Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

**Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.**

* Blessing and Benediction

Pastor Fabian

Prayer Updates 11/16/2025

Patricia Hudgens

Patsy King

This Weeks Birthdays

Nov. 24 Ed Vail

Messages & Other Notes

Coffee & Donuts Before Worship

Join us for coffee and donuts each Sunday beginning at **10:30 a.m.** in the **Coffee Room**.

Come early for a time of fellowship before the worship service!

Lunch Bunch Thanksgiving Celebration

Join the Lunch Bunch for a special **Thanksgiving meal on Monday, November 24th at 11:30 a.m.** Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy good food and warm fellowship as we give thanks together! **No Lunch Bunch on Friday November 28th.**

Church Decorating – Saturday, Nov. 29 • 10 AM–12 PM

Join us as we decorate the church for Christmas!

5th Sunday Lunch – November 30. Join us on Sunday, November 30, immediately following the morning service for our 5th Sunday Lunch. Please bring a favorite side dish, dessert, or salad to share, and enjoy a time of fellowship and good food together.

Burks First Grade Christmas Shopping – Thurs., Dec. 11 • 8:30–10:30 AM

Donations needed: **men's socks, knit gloves/hats, wallets, small flashlights.**

Volunteers needed for event day and set-up: **Sun., Dec. 7 (after church) and Wed., Dec. 10 (3:30 PM).** See **Suzy Jackson** to help.

Agape Thrift

Agape Thrift is open on **Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** We gladly welcome donations—you may bring them on Sunday mornings or anytime the shop is open.

We are also in need of volunteers to help support this meaningful ministry. If you feel called to lend a hand, please add your name to the sign-up sheet located on the table in the hallway.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



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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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Christ the King / Reign of Christ

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. |