

***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.*

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| Gathering | “Jesus, Name above All Names | TFWS 2071 |
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**Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.**

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| Welcome and Announcements                 | Phillip Choate              |
| Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ | Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolyte |

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

**People: We come to be cleansed and made whole.**

Leader: Come! Let us witness John’s confusion and Jesus’ insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

**People: We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.**

Leader: Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus’ identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

**People: We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.**

Leader: Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

**People: We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.**

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| * Hymn of Praise | “Down by the Jordan” | W&S 3045 |
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**Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing, preaching a message the people found bold and surprising.  
“God will forgive! Show that you’ll change how you live!  
Surely God’s new day is rising!”**

**There by the river, the crowd came with expectation:  
“Are you God’s Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?”  
“No!” John replied. “He who is mightier than I judges and offers salvation.”**

**Jesus, you went to be baptized along with the others,  
Taking your place among sinners, God’s lost sons and daughters.  
Then with great love, God’s Spirit came as a dove!  
Your work began in those waters.**

**Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God’s Spirit.  
Freed and forgiven we’re welcomed with joy! Can you heart it?  
This is God’s sign! This is how God says, “You’re mine!”  
Let’s take the good news and share it!**

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| *Affirmation of Faith |                | 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.**

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| Hymn of Preparation | “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” | UMH 605 |
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\* Scripture Reading

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| Matthew 3:13-17 | Pastor Fabian |
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13. Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.  
14. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"  
15. But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.  
16. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him.  
17. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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| Message | "Power of Presence" | Pastor Fabian |
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\* Hymn of Response

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| “The Summons” | TFWS 2130 |
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**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

\*Offertory Prayer Phillip Choate  
Faithful and Calling God, continue to draw us into community, into covenant, and into new life through waters of grace and acts of justice. Just as Jesus stepped into the river to stand with us and for us, we bring these gifts today to stand with others—to serve, to uplift, and to proclaim your kingdom. Use these offerings to fulfill your righteousness among us. Help us, your baptized people, to be instruments of healing, hope, and holy change in a world longing for good news. In Christ’s 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 “The Summons” v.5 Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes  
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Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.


\* Blessing and Benediction Pastor Fabian

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Prayer Updates 1/4/2026  
Family & Friends of Sandra Gilmore  
Guerry & Gay Teeple

This Weeks Birthday  
Jan. 13 Judy Webster

Messages and Other Notes

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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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| <b>Sundays</b> | 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.  |
| <b>Mondays</b> | Agape Thrift    | 9:00 a.m.  |   | 1:00 p.m.  |
|                | Lunch Bunch     | 11:30 a.m. | - | 12:30 p.m. |
| <b>Fridays</b> | Agape Thrift    | 9:00 a.m.  |   | 1:00 p.m.  |
|                | Lunch Bunch     | 11:30 a.m. |   | 12:30 p.m. |