

***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 “This Little Light of Mine” vv. 1,3 UMH 585

This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (Let it shine)

All through the night, I’m goin’a let it shine, all through the night, I’m goin’a let it shine, all through the night, I’m goin’a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (Let it shine)

Welcome and Announcements Phillip Choate

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

*Call to Worship Phillip Choate

Leader: Children of God, who has God called you to be?
People: A light to all the nations!
Leader: When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?
People: A light to all the nations!
Leader: When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?
People: A light to all the nations!
Leader: When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?
People: A light to all the nations!
Leader: Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!
People: We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God’s glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen.

* 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. I’ll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.
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*Affirmation of Faith UMH 880

*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.

Anthem “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Choir

Hymn of Preparation “Lord, Be Glorified” TFWS 2150

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.
In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.
In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your church, Lord, be glorified today.
In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

* Scripture Reading John 1:32-42 Pastor Monica
See Insert

Message "You Won’t Fall Down the Stairs" Pastor Monica

* Hymn of Response “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” UMH 452

*Offertory Prayer Phillip Choate

Ever-Present and Calling God, knowing us from the beginning, naming us as your own, you have entrusted us with the holy work of bearing your light to the world. Though we often feel unworthy or uncertain, you remind us that your grace goes before us, and your strength works through us. Receive these gifts, offered with gratitude and hope. Use them—and us—to proclaim your justice, to shine your love to the ends of the earth, and to glorify your name. In the name of Christ, your Servant and our Savior, 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

“This Little Light of Mine” v.2

Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine,
everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (Let it shine)

* Blessing and Benediction

Pastor Monica

Prayer Updates 1/11/2026

Dorothy Burns
Guerry & Gay Teeple

Messages and Other Notes

Honor Roll Celebration at Burks Elementary

It is time once again to celebrate the Honor Roll students at Burks Elementary School! We are currently accepting donations of *prepackaged cookies and snacks* to help recognize and encourage these students for their hard work.

If you would like to participate, you may begin bringing your donations now and place them in the **black container with the yellow top** located in the hallway at the entrance.

Thank you for helping us support and celebrate these wonderful students!

There’s a Place for You to Serve

Our church offers many ways to get involved and share your gifts. Opportunities include **Agape Thrift, Lunch Bunch, Greeters, Choir, Liturgist**, and our new **Community Table** ministry.

Whether you have a little time or a lot, your help is needed and appreciated. If you’re interested in volunteering or would like more information, please sign up in the hallway or contact the church office.



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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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	Agape Thrift	9:00 a.m.		1:00 p.m.
	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m.	-	12:30 p.m.
Fridays	Agape Thrift	9:00 a.m.		1:00 p.m.
	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m.		12:30 p.m.

32. And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.
33. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit."
34. And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."
35. The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,
36. and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed,
"Look, here is the Lamb of God!"
37. The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.
38. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them,
"What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"
39. He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.
40. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.
41. He first found his brother Simon and said to him,
"We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).
42. He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said,
"You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter)