

***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 “Shout to the Lord” TFWS 2074

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands, forever I’ll love you, forever I’ll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.**

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, when fears press in on every side,
we can proclaim with confidence:
People: God is our light and salvation! Whom shall we fear?
Leader: When our problems overwhelm us and we feel pressed in on every side, we can
declare with confidence:
People: God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?
Leader: No matter the troubles we face, we seek after God and to live in the house of God
forever.
People: God shelters and protects us in the day of trouble.
Leader: Come, let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and salvation!
People: We come to worship as bearers of the Light. Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Hymn of Praise “Shine, Jesus, Shine” TFWS 2173

Refrain:
**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**
**Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.** (Refrain)

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.** (Refrain)

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lived tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.** (Refrain)

Hymn of Preparation “My Hope is Built” UMH 368

* Responsive Reading Psalm 27 UMH 758

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
Leader: When evildoers assail me, to devour my flesh, my adversaries and foes shall
stumble and fall.
**People: Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise
against me, yet I will be confident.**
Leader: One thing I asked the Lord, that will I seek after:
**People: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the
beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in the Lord’s temple.**
Leader: The Lord will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble, will conceal me under
the cover of his tent, and will set me high upon a rock.
**People: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies round about me; and I
will offer sacrifices in the Lord’s tent with shouts of joy; I will sing and make
melody to the Lord.**
Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!
People: “Come,” my heart said, “seek the Lord’s face.” Your face, O Lord, I seek.
Leader: Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, for you have
been my help.
**People: Cast me not off, forsake me not, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother
should forsake me, the Lord would take me up.**
Leader: Teach me your way, O Lord; and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
**People: Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen
against me, and they breathe out violence.**
Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!
People: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage. Wait for the Lord!

Message Frances Eldridge

* Hymn of Response“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”UMH 569

*Offertory PrayerPhillip Choate

Steadfast Light of our salvation, in a world that trembles with uncertainty and teaches us to fear, you shine with unwavering hope. You call us to seek your face and trust in your presence more than in our own strength. Receive these gifts, given not out of fear but in joyful confidence that your love casts out fear and your grace makes us bold. Use our offerings to build a world where your light leads, your justice reigns, and your people—unafraid—become living testimonies of your goodness. In the name of Christ, our rock and redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Offertory MusicJill 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“Shine, Jesus, Shine”Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

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* Blessing and BenedictionFrances Eldridge

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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!



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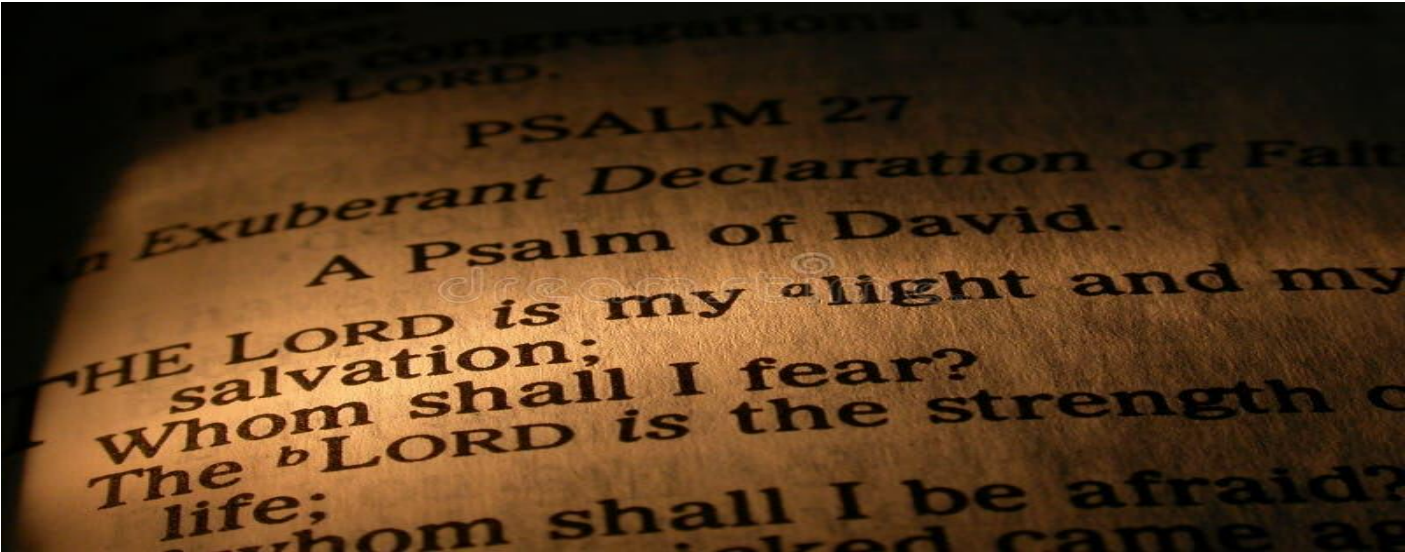
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The Mission of Monterey United Methodist Church is to be servants of God, by responding to the needs of the Monterey community in such a way that everyone in Monterey knows the transforming love of Jesus.



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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.