

***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 “O How He Loves You and Me” v. 1 TFWs 2108

O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me!
He gave his life. What more could he give?
O how he loves you; O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!

Welcome and Announcements Liturgist

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

*Call to Worship Liturgist

Leader: Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?
People: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.
Leader: In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?
People: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.
Leader: When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?
People: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.
Leader: Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!
People: We come to worship God with our voices and our lives.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Hymn of Praise “How Shall I Come Before the Lord?” W&S 3124

How shall I come before the Lord and bow myself with heart outpoured?
And shall I come with offering? What shall I give? What shall I bring?
Will finest gifts bring God’s delight? Will wealth bring favor in God’s sight?
What must we be? What must we do? What does the Lord require of you?
Let justice shine in all your ways. Let loving kindness rule your days,
that, as this earthly path you trod, you shall walk humbly with your God.

Prayer of Confession Liturgist

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” TFWs 2158

I am weak, but thou are strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong;
I’ll be satisfied as one as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Refrain:
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. (Refrain)
When my feeble life is o’er, time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o’er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. (Refrain)

* Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12 Pastor Fabian

5:1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
5:2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5:5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
5:10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
5:11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
5:12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Message “What is Good” Pastor Fabian

* Hymn of Response “As We Gather at Your Table” TFWs 2268

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.
Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.
Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

Thanksgiving & Communion

Pastor Fabian

*Offertory Prayer

Liturgist

God of Justice and Mercy, you do not ask for thousands of offerings or rivers of oil, only that we live with love, humility, and a hunger for what is right. Accept these gifts we bring—not as bargaining chips, but as signs of our desire to follow you. Use them and us to pour out kindness where the world is aching, to walk alongside the weary, and to bring your healing presence into troubled places. May our giving be our “yes” to your call, our response to your grace, and our witness to your hope. 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

“O How He Loves You and Me” v.2

Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

Jesus to Calv’ry did go; his love for sinners to show.
What he did there brought hope from despair.
O how he loves you; O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!

* Blessing and Benediction

Pastor Fabian

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This Weeks Birthday
Feb. 7 Jill Jones-Lazuka

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!

“Just a quick reminder—please be sure to check your mailbox in the hallway. Your **2025 giving statement** has been placed inside.”

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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.