

**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 "Open the Eyes of My Heart" W&S 3008

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you, I want to see you.  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you, I want to see you.  
To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory,  
Pour out your power and love as we sing.  
Holy, holy, holy.**

Welcome and Announcements Linda Jensen

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

\*Call to Worship Linda Jensen

Leader: People of God, why are you here?  
**People: We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.**  
Leader: People of God, who do you worship?  
**People: We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.**  
Leader: People of God, how do you worship?  
**People: We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.**  
Leader: People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!  
**People: May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth.**

\* Hymn of Praise "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" UMH 581

\* 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, As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Anthem "Ceaseless Praise" Choir

Hymn of Preparation "Seek Ye First" UMH 405

\* Scripture Reading Matthew 5:13-16 Pastor Fabian

5:13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

5:15 People do not light a lamp put it under the bushel basket; rather they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Message "Call to Action" Pastor Fabian

\* Hymn of Response "Pass it On" UMH 572

\*Offertory Prayer Linda Jensen

**Liberating God, You call us to a fast not of silence, but of service; not of hiding, but of healing. You ask that our worship be more than words, that our offerings be more than ritual. Receive these gifts as signs of our willingness to share bread with the hungry, to break chains of injustice, to repair what is broken. May our generosity reflect your mercy and our living mirror your love. Use us and these gifts, so that light might rise in the darkness and hope take root where despair has reigned. 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!**

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found; you can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the mountain top; I want my world to know; the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

\* Blessing and Benediction

Pastor Fabian

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**Last Week's Birthday**

Feb. 7 Jill Jones-Lazuka

**Messages and Other Notes**

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

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Church family, we are grateful for the many ways our congregation serves our community, and we are currently in need of volunteers for several of our ministries—**Agape Thrift, Lunch Bunch, and Community Table.**

If you are interested in helping, whether occasionally or on a regular basis, please take a moment to sign up on the **sign-up sheets located on the table in the hallway.** Your time and gifts truly make a difference, and we thank you for your willingness to serve.



**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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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

*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.