

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 Lord, You're Beautiful" TFWS 2064

**O Lord, you're beautiful, your face is all I seek;
And when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds in me.**

**O Lord, you're wonderful, your touch is all I need;
And when your hand is on this child, your healing I receive.**

**O Lord, you're beautiful, your face is all I seek;
And when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds in me.**

Welcome and Announcements Josef Valtierra

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

*Call to Worship Josef Valtierra

Leader: Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels that inundated us with information, worry, and stress.

People: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.

Leader: We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once again.

People: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.

Leader: We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

People: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.

Leader: Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

People: May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God! Amen.

* Hymn of Praise "Day of Arising" W&S 3086

**Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.
When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.**

"Lo, I am with you," Jesus has spoken. This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign.

When the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

**Christ our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.**

Anthem "I Must Tell Jesus" Choir

*Affirmation of Faith 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20 UMH 888

* 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.**

Hymn of Preparation "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH 133

* Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-23 Pastor Fabian

page # 84 in the New Testament of the Church Bible

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" 19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

Message "Astounded Us" Pastor Fabian

* Hymn of Response "We Walk by Faith" TFWS 2196

**We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as non e'er spoke, but we believe him near.**

**We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
yet in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"**

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief and may our faith abound;
To call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:**

**That when our life of faith is done in realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are in full and endless sight.**

**We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as non e'er spoke, but we believe him near.**

*Offertory Prayer

Josef Valtierra

Astounding God of the road and the table, you walk with us even when we don't recognize you. You speak, and our hearts burn within us. You break the bread, and our eyes are opened. Today, we bring these offerings as signs of our gratitude and hope. May our giving reflect the joy of being found, the wonder of Resurrection, and the call to share good news. Use these gifts to kindle faith, feed the hungry, and proclaim your presence in every Emmaus moment. We give because we've seen you—alive, loving, and leading us still. In Jesus' name, Amen. (Luke 24:13-35)

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 Lord, You're Beautiful” v.1

Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

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* Blessing and Benediction

Pastor Fabian

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Prayer Requests 4/12/2026

Mary Strassell (Marion Barwick)
Eric Webster (David Webster's brother)

Birthdays

April 24 Hazel Walker
April 26 Patsy King

Anniversaries

April 24 Guarry & Gay Teeple

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 7th is the National Day of Prayer. You are invited to join our community for a special time of prayer at the Whitaker Park Pavilion at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome as we gather together in prayer for our community and nation.



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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.