

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 "Gentle Shepherd" W&S 3096

**Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us, for we need your strength from day to day.
There's no other we can turn to who can help us face another day;
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.**

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 to worship and to listen, to learn the sound, the feel, the cadence of the Shepherd's voice.

People: We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

Leader: We gather to worship and to discern, to learn how to recognize our Shepherd's voice amidst the chaos and noise of our lives.

People: We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

Leader: We gather to worship and to find shelter, to learn to trust our Shepherd's voice to guide us to safety and provide for us in all things.

People: We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

Leader: Come, let us worship as we listen for the voice of Jesus who guides us, protects us, provides for us, and draws us together in community.

People: We come to worship as the family of Christ, a flock seeking and following our Shepherd's voice. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise "To God Be the Glory" UMH 98

Anthem "Gentle Voice" Choir

*Prayer of Confession Josef Valtierra

"Loving Shepherd, we admit that we often follow voices that are not Yours. We have chased after false promises and wandered away from the abundant life You offer. Forgive us for our distrust, and lead us back through Your Gate, that we may live fully in Your grace."

"Hear the Good News: Jesus is the Gate. Whoever enters through Him will be saved. In Christ, you are forgiven, you are known by name, and you are led into life in all its fullness. Amen."

Hymn of Preparation

"God Leads Us Along"

W&S 3031

**In shady, green pastures, so rich and so sweet,
God leads his dear children along;
where the water's cool flow bathes the wary one's fee,
God leads his dear children along.**

Refrain:

**Some through the waters, some through the flood,
some through the fire, but all through the blood;
some through great sorrow, but God gives a song,
in the night season and all the day long.** (Refrain)

**Sometimes on the mount where the sun shines so bright,
God leads his dear children along;
sometimes in the valley, in the darkest of night,
God leads his dear children along.** (Refrain)

**Though sorrows befall us and evils oppose,
God leads his dear children along;
through grace we can conquer, defeat all our foes,
God leads his dear children along.** (Refrain)

* Scripture Reading

John 10:1-10

Pastor Fabian

page # 97 in the New Testament of the Church Bible

Jesus the Good Shepherd

10 "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Message

"Knowing that Voice"

Pastor Fabian

* Hymn of Response

"Spirit Song"

UMH 347

*Offertory Prayer

Josef Valtierra

Faithful Shepherd, who calls us by name, you invite us into a life that is rich in meaning, deep in joy, and bold in compassion. You speak, and we long to follow—although the world is noisy and the path unclear. In this moment of offering, we quiet our hearts to listen again. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in you. May they be used to bring abundance to others, to feed the hungry, to strengthen the lost, and to proclaim your voice of love. In coming and going, in worship and service, make us more like Christ, in whose name we give and pray. Amen. (John 10:1-10)

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

“To God Be the Glory”

Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

* Blessing and Benediction

Pastor Fabian

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Prayer Requests 4/19/2026

Ginger Authur (Teresa Targosz)
Brenda Miller
Eric Webster (David Webster’s brother)

Birthdays

April 26 Patsy King

Anniversaries

April 28 Marlon & Jill Jones Lazuka

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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4th Sunday of Easter

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.