

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 "Halle, Halle, Halleluja" TFWS 2026a

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

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Welcome and Announcements Marcia Halpin

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

*Call to Worship Marcia Halpin

Leader: Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

People: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Leader: In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

People: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Leader: In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

People: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Leader: In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

People: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Leader: Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.

People: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Hymn of Praise "The Church's One Foundation" UMH 545

*Affirmation of Faith UMH 881

* 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 "In Christ Alone" W&S 3105

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song.

This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.

This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones he came to save.

"Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied;

for every sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.

Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!

And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.

For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme or plan can ever pluck me from his hand.

"Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

* Scripture Reading John 14:1-6 Pastor Fabian

page # 102 in the New Testament of the Church Bible

Jesus the Way to the Father

14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Message "You Know the Way" Pastor Fabian

* Hymn of Response "Victory in Jesus" UMH 370

Thanksgiving & Communion Pastor Fabian

*Offertory Prayer Marcia Halpin

Way-Making God, your offer to us is not just to believe in heaven, but to live the kingdom life here and now. Through Jesus, you show us the way, the truth, and the life—calling us to deeper trust, wider welcome, and greater works of grace. As we bring our gifts, we step into that life, choosing generosity over fear and hope over judgment. Use these offerings, and use us, to make your dwelling places visible in our community, in our compassion, in our courage. We give, because we've heard your voice. In Christ's name. Amen. (John 14:1-14)

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 “Victory in Jesus”

Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

**O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him;
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.**

* Blessing and Benediction

Pastor Fabian

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Prayer Requests 4/26/2026

- Ginger Authur (Teresa Targosz)
- Sally Goebel (Kathy Herron)
- Family & Friends of Alma Howe (David Webster’s Aunt)
- Gay Teeple (Marcy Milligan)
- Louise Vail (Sunday School)

Birthdays

May 4 David Webster

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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May 3, 2026

5th 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.
Mondays	AA Group	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
	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.