

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 "Rain Down" Marcia Halpin

**Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.
Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.**

Welcome and Announcements Marcia Halpin

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

*Call to Worship Marcia Halpin

Leader: Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path, Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

People: God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.

Leader: The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus.

People: God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.

Leader: The Spirit draws us into God's story, showing us how to cooperate in writing God's dream into reality.

People: God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.

Leader: Easter people, God's story abides in you, calling you to live as co-creators of love and abundant life.

People: We come to worship God and listen for the Spirit who inspires, guides, and helps us join in God's story, until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH 89

Anthem "I Love the Lord" Choir

*Affirmation of Faith UMH 889

* 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 "There's Within My Heart a Melody" UMH 380

* Scripture Reading John 14:15-21 Pastor Fabian

page # 103 in the New Testament of the Church Bible

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

18 "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Message "The Story Abides" Pastor Fabian

* Hymn of Response "Because He Lives" UMH 364

*Offertory Prayer Marcia Halpin

Abiding Spirit of Love, you have not left us orphaned. Even in our uncertainty, you draw near, whispering truth, stirring memory, teaching us to live as those who know we are loved. As Jesus offered himself in love and obedience, so we offer these gifts today—not out of obligation, but as signs of our love and trust. Take them, bless them, use them—to remind the world that Christ's story abides in us. May your Spirit strengthen us to live what we give and give what we believe. In the name of the one who promised never to leave us. Amen. (John 14:15-21)

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 "Because He Lives"

Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

**Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.**

* Blessing and Benediction Pastor Fabian

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Prayer Requests 5/3/2026

Eric Webster (David Webster's brother)

Upcoming Events

Join us for our **5th Sunday Lunch** on **Sunday, May 31st**, immediately following the morning worship service! We will be enjoying an indoor picnic together featuring hot dogs and fellowship. Please bring your favorite picnic-style dish, side, or dessert to share with everyone. We hope you will stay and enjoy this special time of food and fellowship with our church family!



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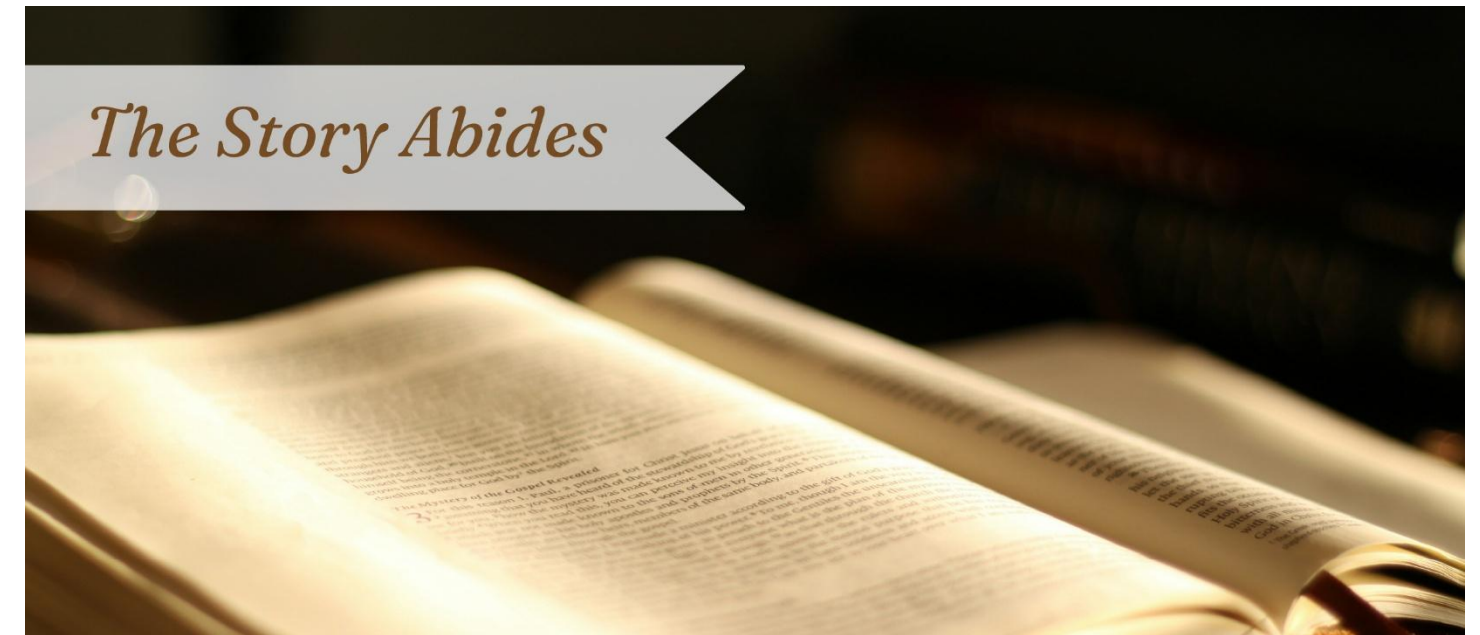
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6th Sunday of Easter

*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. |