

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 "Holy Ground" TFWS 2272

**We are standing on holy ground,
and I know there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.**

Welcome and Announcements Marcia Halpin

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

*Call to Worship Marcia Halpin

Leader: Beloved, the Spirit of Truth gathers us here to receive and discern God's good news working among us.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Leader: The Spirit of Love draws us together to receive and restore life-giving relationships with God and one another.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Leader: The Spirit of Freedom knits us together to receive and renew the bonds of empathy, justice, and peace that bind us together in the work for liberation and wholeness.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Leader: Beloved, the Holy Spirit is here, moving and working among us. Will you come and receive all the Spirit has to give?

People: We come to receive the Spirit's abundant and gracious gifts that we may be a people who live out God's truth, love, and freedom in our neighborhood, community, and throughout all creation. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH 577

Anthem "Be Still" 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 "As the Fire is Meant for Burning" TFWS 2237

**As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
So the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
We join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.**

**We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle loving actions, we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening spirit, we would live to God's delight.**

**As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed, so may we be
signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued. As a rainbow lights the
heavens when a storm is past and gone, may our lives reflect the
radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.**

* Scripture Reading John 7:37-39 Pastor Fabian

page # 94 in the New Testament of the Church Bible

Rivers of Living Water

37 On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, 38 and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" 39 Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Message "Spirit Unbound" Pastor Fabian

* Hymn of Response "Surely the Presence of the Lord/Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH 328 & 334

*Offertory Prayer Marcia Halpin

Empowering God, you are the one who pours out your Spirit on sons and daughters, on young and old, on leaders and servants alike. You have not withheld your gifts, but have shared them freely: truth, empathy, vision, and power. As your Spirit-filled people, we now offer our gifts—not out of fear or obligation, but in response to your boundless generosity. Use these offerings to fuel the prophetic witness of your church, to bless those still yearning for hope, and to build a community where all are seen, heard, and loved. May our giving, like your Spirit, be poured out without limit. Amen. (Numbers 11:24-30)

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 "Holy Ground"

Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

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* Blessing and Benediction Pastor Fabian

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Prayer Requests 5/17/2026

- Ginger Arthur (Teresa Targosz)
- Laurie Burns (Lynn Driscoll's sister)
- Family & Friends of Larry Cox
- Don Engle (Teresa Targosz)
- Brenda Miller
- Family & Friends of Terri Pernicaro (Deb Maki)
- Eric Webster (David Webster's brother)
- Jean (Sue Wolosencuk's sister-in-law)

This week's Birthdays

- May 28 Jonnathan Aguirre
- May 29 Amelia Jackson

Upcoming Events

No Lunch Bunch on Monday May 25th.

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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Day of Pentecost

*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.