

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 "My Tribute" UMH 99

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done. With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me; to God be the glory for the things he has done.

Welcome and Announcements Sandi Vanacore

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

*Call to Worship Sandi Vanacore

Leader: God meets us in surprising yet ordinary places—under a tree, in the smile of a stranger, in a refreshing breeze that comes at just the right time.

People: God, open our hearts to notice your presence all around us.

Leader: God speaks to us in surprising yet ordinary ways—in a well-placed word from a friend, in a prayer that comes at just the right time, in a song that resonates through our entire being.

People: God, open our minds to recognize your voice all around us.

Leader: God fulfills God's promises in surprising yet ordinary ways—in an unexpected act of kindness, in providing just what we need at just the right time, in sending someone to listen when we feel alone.

People: God, open our hands to receive your blessings all around us.

Leader: Beloved, in the surprising and ordinary ways that God shows up among us, may we meet God and our neighbors with open hearts, minds, and hands, ready to encounter God's miraculous work.

People: God, open our lives to receive your blessings, that we may share together in the joy, wonder, and laughter of God's miraculous works all around us.

* Hymn of Praise "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369

*Affirmation of Faith UMH 887

* 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 "Children of the Heavenly Father" UMH 141

* Scripture Reading Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) Pastor Fabian

page # 13 in the Old Testament of the Church Bible

A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah

18 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. 3 He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." 7 Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

9 They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." 10 Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" 13 The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' 14 Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." 15 But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

The Birth of Isaac

21 The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. 2 Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. 3 Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. 4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. 5 Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. 6 Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." 7 And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

Message "A Miracle Called Laughter" Pastor Fabian

* Hymn of Response "Lord, Speak to Me" UMH 463

*Offertory Prayer

Sandi Vanacore

Joyful Giver of Miracles, we come to you with hearts open to the unexpected, for you are the God who surprises us with joy, even in seasons of waiting and even through our disbelief. You meet us in the ordinariness of welcome, and you plant seeds of laughter that bloom into life. As Abraham and Sarah offered their hospitality and received the promise of new life, so we offer our gifts in trust and gratitude. Bless these gifts, O God, that they may bear witness to your goodness and extend joy, hope, and welcome to the world you so love. May our giving be a reflection of our faith, and may our faith be full of laughter. In the name of the one who brings life out of impossibility, Amen. (Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

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

“Blessed Assurance”

Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

* Blessing and Benediction

Pastor Fabian

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Prayer Requests 6/7/2026

Lisa Bradshaw (Judy Webster)
Eric Webster (David Webster’s brother)

Birthdays

June 17 Karen Logsdon

Upcoming Events



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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.