

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 "You Are My Hiding Place" TFWS 2055

**You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance,
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you, I will trust in you.
Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord." I will trust in you.**

Welcome and Announcements Sandi Vanacore

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

*Call to Worship Sandi Vanacore

Leader: When we feel abandoned and alone, unable to find a way out of the wilderness that surrounds, we cry out to God...

People: And God listens to us.

Leader: When we feel discouraged and defeated, unsure we will ever really be able to make ends meet and worried that no matter how hard we work, it will never be enough, we cry out to God...

People: And God listens to us.

Leader: When we feel lost and forgotten, unable to find the words for the grief, isolation, and despair that we feel, our hearts cry out to God...

People: And God pays attention to us.

Leader: As we gather in this place and time, remember: You are not alone. God knows where you are, and God listens to the cries of our hearts.

People: May we also listen to one another as God guides us toward the cool, refreshing waters we need to continue on our journey as the family of God.

* Hymn of Praise "How Great Thou Art" UMH 77

*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 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140

* Scripture Reading Genesis 21:8-21 Pastor Fabian

page #16 in the Old Testament of the Church Bible

The rescue of Hagar and Ishmael

21:8The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac

was weaned. 21:9But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. 21:10So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." 21:11The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. 21:12But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. 21:13As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." 21:14So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. 21:15When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. 21:16Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. 21:17And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. 21:18Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." 21:19Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. 21:20God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. 21:21He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Message "Hearing the Voice" Pastor Fabian

* Hymn of Response "His Eye is on the Sparrow" TFWS 2146

**Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely
And long for heav'n and home, When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.**

Refrain:

**I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.**

**"Let not your heart be troubled." His tender word I hear, And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears. Though by the path He leadeth, But one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me. (Refrain)**

**Whenever I am tempted, Whenever clouds arise, When songs give place to sighing,
When hope within me dies, I draw the closer to Him; From care He sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me; His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me. (Refrain)**

*Offertory Prayer

Sandi Vanacore

Listening God, you hear the cries we whisper and the cries we cannot speak. In a world still marked by fear, abandonment, and unfairness, you remain the one who listens and who hears the voices of the outcast, the wounded, the overlooked. As we bring our offerings today, open our ears as yours are open. Make our giving an act of solidarity with those whose voices rise in need. Use these gifts to reveal your presence, to bring water into desert places, and to remind all your children that they are not alone. Shape us into people who hear because we have been heard. Amen. (Genesis 21:8-21)

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

“You Are My Hiding Place”

Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

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* Blessing and Benediction

Pastor Fabian

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Birthdays

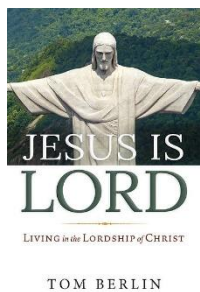
June 24 Ken Walker
June 27 Wanda Balsley

Upcoming Events

Administrative Council Meeting

The Administrative Council will meet on **Monday, June 22, at 1:00 PM.**

Council members are encouraged to attend as we discuss important church business and upcoming ministry plans. Your participation and input are greatly appreciated. **Please make plans to attend.**



New Bible Study Beginning July 13

Join us for a new Bible study, "Jesus is Lord," beginning **Monday, July 13, at 5:00 PM.**

This study will meet at the church and will also be available via Zoom for those who wish to participate remotely. Whether you attend in person or online, we invite you to be part of this opportunity to grow in faith, deepen your understanding of Scripture, and enjoy fellowship with others.

We hope you will join us!



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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.
Mondays	AA Group	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
	Agape Thrift	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Fridays	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
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