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 "America the Beautiful" v.1 UMH 696

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain; for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Welcome and Announcements Lynn Connor

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

*Call to Worship *by Lisa Hancock* Lynn Connor

Leader: We gather to worship God with our full, imperfect selves.
People: We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.
Leader: We gather as people who don't always know what to do in the face of difficult and complex circumstances.
People: We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.
Leader: We gather as people who desire to follow God with our actions but struggle to connect what we want to do with what we actually do.
People: We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.
Leader: Whether you come to worship today wondering if there is anything good left in the world or rejoicing in the small moments of goodness that remind you grace is still at work among us, you are welcome here.
People: **We come to delight in the law of God, whose grace shows us how to live, work, play, and rest as a community of faith woven together by Love. Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH 400

Anthem "God Bless America" 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, is now and every shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" UMH 402

* Scripture Reading Romans7:15-25 Pastor Fabian

page #147 in the New Testament of the Church Bible

The struggle within the self
7:15I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. 7:16Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good.
7:17But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. 7:18For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. 7:19For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. 7:20Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. 7:21So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. 7:22For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, 7:23but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 7:24Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 7:25aThanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Message "Delight in the Law" Pastor Fabian

*Hymn of Response "I Surrender All" UMH 34

Thanksgiving & Communion Pastor Fabian

* Offertory Prayer Lynn Connor

Gracious Redeemer, you know us completely—our good intentions, our wavering will, our stumbling steps. Like Paul, we confess the war within us: we long to do what is right, yet too often fall short. Still, you meet us not with condemnation, but with mercy and grace. So, we bring these offerings, not to earn your favor, but to respond in gratitude for a Savior who rescues us from sin's grip. Use these gifts, and use us, to offer hope where there is despair, light where there is shadow, and love where there is brokenness. We give because you gave first—and because your Spirit empowers us to live not by our strength, but by your grace. In Christ's name, we pray, Amen. (Romans 7:15-25a)

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 "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

* Blessing and Benediction Pastor Fabian

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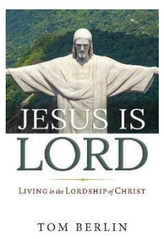
This Week's Birthdays

July	7	Marcy Milligan
July	8	Donna Ray

This Week's Anniversary

July	5	Bob & Deb Maki

Messages & Other Notes



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!

Church Anniversary Display Request

As we prepare to celebrate Monterey United Methodist Church's Anniversary on **September 12, 2026**, we are gathering items for a special historical display. If you have any **old photographs, church bulletins, directories, newspaper articles, or other church memorabilia** that you would be willing to share, please bring them to the church office.

These items will help us celebrate and preserve the rich history of our church family. Please be sure to label any items you would like returned.

Thank you for helping us tell the story of God's faithfulness through the years!

Upper Rooms Available

The new *Upper Room* devotionals are available on the table in the hallway. Please take one.

Scan to Give

If you would like to make a donation, simply scan the QR code with your smartphone. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of our church.

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July 5, 2026 **6th Sunday After Pentecost**

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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.		12:00 p.m.
Mondays	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m.	-	12:30 p.m.
Fridays	Agape Thrift	9:00 a.m.	-	12:00 p.m.
	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m.	-	12:30 p.m.