

Welcome! <i>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.</i> <i>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.</i>		
Gathering	“Cry of my Heart”	TFWS 2165
Refrain: It is the cry of my heart to follow you. It is the cry of my heart to be close to you. It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life. Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in your truth. Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, and make me wholly devoted to you. (Refrain) Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things you do. Open my heart up more and more, and make me wholly devoted to you. (Refrain)		
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: Today, we gather to join our voices with winds and seas, sunshine and rain, mountains and grassy plains to worship God, our Creator. People: We gather as children of God, stewards of God’s creation. Leader: We gather to join our hearts with creatures who creep and crawl, slither and squirm, swim and soar, to worship God, our Creator. People: We gather as children of God, stewards of God’s creation. Leader: We gather as witnesses of the harm that has been done to God’s creation, to the groanings of the earth and all the earth’s inhabitants who long for peace and flourishing. People: We gather as children of God, stewards of God’s creation. Leader: Come, let us worship God who strengthens and equips us, guiding us to live out our faith as good stewards of God’s good creation. People: Come, let us worship God who inspires and empowers us to be stewards of hope and redemption in a wounded and hurting world! Amen.		
* Hymn of Praise	“In Christ There Is No East or West”	UMH 548
Anthem	“O For Heart”	Choir
*Affirmation of Faith		UMH 883

*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 of All Hopefulness”	TFWS 2197
Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, every child-like, no cares could destroy: Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of day. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of day. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, whose hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace: Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm: Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.		
* Scripture Reading	Romans 8:12-25	Pastor Fabian
<u>page #147 & 148 in the New Testament of the Church Bible See Insert</u>		
Message	“Wait with Eager Longing”	Pastor Fabian
*Hymn of Response	“Grace Alone”	TFWS 2162
Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by his grace. Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind is only by his grace. Refrain: Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone. Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach, everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace. Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away, every sorrow turn to praise is only by his grace. (Refrain)		

* Offertory Prayer Lynn Connor

Compassionate Creator, you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed into us life and purpose. In these gifts we return, we offer more than resources; we offer our hope. Let these gifts, given in trust, be signs of our partnership in the renewal of all creation. Awaken in us a holy longing, as deep as the groaning of the earth itself, for justice, healing, and new life. May our giving participate in your redemption, until the world rejoices in freedom and glory as your children. We offer this with joy, in the name of Christ our Redeemer. Amen. ([Romans 8:12-25](#))

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 “Grace Alone” Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

* Blessing and Benediction Pastor Fabian

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Prayer Request 07/12/2026

Danny Allen
Kathy Brandes
Dorothy Burns
Louise Vail

This Week’s Birthdays

July	20	Abigail Valtierra
July	20	Frances Eldridge
July	25	Josef Valtierra

Messages & Other Notes

Church Anniversary Display

As we prepare for our Church Anniversary Celebration on September 12, we're collecting old photos, bulletins, directories, newspaper articles, and other church memorabilia for a special display. Catherine Harris has placed a collection box on the table in the hallway where you may drop off your items. Please label anything you would like returned.



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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.		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.

* Scripture Reading Romans 8:12-25 Pastor Fabian

page #147 & 148 in the New Testament of the Church Bible

The revealing of the children of God

8:12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh,
to live according to the flesh--

**8:13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you
put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.**

8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

**8:15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but
you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"**

8:16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are
children of God,

**8:17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,
if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.**

8:18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth
comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

**8:19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the
children of God,**

8:20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the
will of the one who subjected it, in hope.

**8:21 that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay
and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.**

8:22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it
suffers together the pains of labor,

**8:23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of
the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption
of our bodies.**

8:24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope,
for who hopes for what one already sees?

8:25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.