

<i>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.</i>		
Gathering	“Total Praise”	
Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from You. Your peace, You give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength; You are the strength of my life. I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.		
Welcome and Announcements		Marcia Halpin
Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ		Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes
*Call to Worship	<i>by Lisa Hancock</i>	Marcia Halpin
Leader: Family of God, we gather today to unite our voices and our lives in praise to God! People: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity! Leader: We gather to celebrate how God binds us together to live, work, play, and rest as the Body of Christ! People: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity! Leader: We gather to remember how God has worked through us to share Christ’s love with one another and our neighbors through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. People: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity! Leader: Family of God, today we come as diverse and unique members of the Body of Christ to learn and grow not in uniformity but in unity to love God, self, neighbor, and all creation. People: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity! Thanks be to God! Amen.		
* Hymn of Praise	“Help Us Accept Each Other”	UMH 560
Anthem	“Come, You Fount”	Choir
*Affirmation of Faith		UMH 886
*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	“The Gift of Love”	UMH 408
* Scripture Reading	Psalm 133	Pastor Fabian
<i>A song of ascents. Of David.</i> 1 How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity! 2 It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron’s beard, down on the collar of his robe. 3 It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.		
Message	“Unity of Praise”	Pastor Fabian
* Hymn of Response	“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”	TFWS 2223
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: Refrain: And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain) We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain) All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son, and all praise to the Sprit, who makes us one: (Refrain)		
Offertory Prayer		Marcia Halpin
Gracious God, you pour your blessing upon your people like dew upon the earth and oil upon the head, flowing beyond all boundaries we would draw. We thank you for the gift of unity—good and pleasant, beautiful and life-giving—meant not only for us, but for the healing of the world. Receive these offerings as signs of our desire to live together in your love, to practice radical welcome, and to share your abundance with all your children. Let what we give today flow outward in compassion and service, that our life together may reflect your kindom of peace, justice, and joy. Amen. (Psalm 133)		
Offertory Music		Jill Jones-Lazuka

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

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,
and all praise to the Sprit, who makes us one:

* Blessing and Benediction

Pastor Fabian

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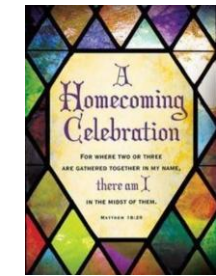
This Week’s Birthdays

August 19 Penny Pepper

Messages & Other Notes



A storage container is in the hallway for items for the Burks Christmas Shopping in December. Men’s and women’s winter hats and gloves, cozy socks, wallets and billfolds are needed.Any questions just ask .Thank you! Suzy Jackson.



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 to be 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.		1:00 p.m.
Mondays	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.