

<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		Liturgist
Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ		Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes
*Call to Worship	<i>by Lisa Hancock</i>	Liturgist
Leader:	Sometimes God calls us through burning bushes, telling us to go free a whole people despite our insecurities and fears.	
People:	God, help us accept your call on our lives.	
Leader:	Sometimes God calls us, and we don’t understand the full meaning of the call, the ways our families, friends, and communities may resist the good news and us as messengers of it.	
People:	God, help us accept your call on our lives.	
Leader:	Sometimes God calls us to a path that is harder than we think we can handle, asking us to trust that God will provide what we need.	
People:	God, help us accept your call on our lives.	
All:	Beloved, God’s call takes many forms. Sometimes it feels as natural as breathing, and sometimes we want to run as far as we can. But take assurance in this: You are not alone. God is with us, and God’s call can be trusted, because no matter where it leads, God is there. God, help us accept your call on our lives and to trust that what you equip us to do is what you call us to do as members of the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.	
First Scripture Reading	Exodus 3:1-15 <u>See Insert</u>	Liturgist
* Hymn of Praise	“Be Thou My Vision”	UMH 451
Anthem		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, Speak to Me”	UMH 463
* Second Scripture Reading	Matthew 16:21-28 <u>See Insert</u>	Pastor Fabian
Message	“Acceptance”	Pastor Fabian
* Hymn of Response	“Would I Have Answered When You Called”	TFWS 2137
Would I have answered when you called, “Come, follow, follow me!”? Would I at once have left behind both work and family? Or would the old, familiar round have held me by its claim and kept the spark with in my heart from bursting into flame?		
Would I have followed where you led through ancient Galilee, on roads unknown, by ways untried, beyond security? Or would I soon hurried back where home and comfort drew, where truth you taught would not disturb the ordered world I knew?		
Would I have matched my step with yours when crowds cried, “Crucify!” when on a rocky hill I saw a cross against the sky? Or would I too have slipped away and left you there alone, a dying king with crown of thorns upon a terrible throne?		
O Christ, I cannot search my heart through all its tangled ways, nor can I with a certain mind my steadfastness appraise. I only pray that when you call, “Come, follow, follow me!” you’ll give me strength beyond my own to follow faithfully.		
Offertory Prayer		Liturgist
Holy God, you call ordinary people from unexpected places and send them into hard and holy work. As you met Moses in the fire that did not consume, and as you met Peter on the road of costly discipleship, meet us now in these gifts we bring. Shape us by your presence, not by fear; by service, not by power; by love that risks itself for the sake of others. Receive our offering as a sign that we trust your “I AM” to go with us and that we are willing to follow Christ, even when the way is demanding. Use what we give to bring freedom, healing, and hope to your world. Amen. (Exodus 3:1-15, Matthew 16:21-28)		
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	“Total Praise”	Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes
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* Blessing and Benediction		Pastor Fabian
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This Week’s Birthday & Anniversary

August 30 Debi Maki
August 31 Terry & Catherine Harris

Messages & Other Notes

Children’s Ministry Meeting Anyone interested in helping with our new children’s ministry is invited to a brief meeting in the overflow area immediately following today’s service. Please see Terri for more information.

Burks Elementary Treat Time!

It’s snack and cookie time for Burks Elementary! Each quarter, students are rewarded for their achievements with a special treat. Questions? Please contact Sarah Cochran.

Agape Yard Sale

Join us for a yard sale on **September 5 from 7:00 AM–1:00 PM** in the Agape area! Volunteers are needed—please see Patsy or Dalia. Donations may be brought to the Agape area **the morning of the sale only**, as storage is unavailable.

📅 5th Sunday Lunch — Schedule Change

Please note a change to our upcoming 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal!

Instead of gathering at the end of August, we will celebrate our **5th Sunday Meal on the first Sunday in September**.

This will be an extra-special day as we also gather to **celebrate the dismissal of Jennifer, Pastor Fabian’s daughter**, and wish her well.

We are also pleased to welcome an **invited guest preacher** who will share the message with us that morning. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for **worship, fellowship, and a wonderful meal together!**

🎄 BURKS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING COLLECTION 🎁

We’re already preparing for our **Burks Christmas Shopping event in December**, and we would love your help!

A **storage container is located in the hallway** for donated items. We are currently collecting: 🧢 Men’s & Women’s Winter Hats and Gloves 🧦 Cozy Socks 👛 Wallets & Billfolds

Your donations will help make this special Christmas event a blessing for the students and families at Burks Elementary. **Thank you for your generosity and continued support!** ❤️

If you have any questions, please see **Suzy Jackson**.

🏡 Our Church Anniversary Is Almost Here! 🎉

September 12 is quickly approaching! As we prepare to celebrate our church’s anniversary, we are putting together a special display honoring the **history, memories, and ministry of our church through the years**.

We would love for you to help us bring our history to life! We are still collecting:

- 📷 Old church photos 📖 Bulletins & directories 📰 Newspaper articles
- 🏠 Church programs and keepsakes ❤️ Other special church memorabilia

Now is the time to bring in your items! Catherine Harris has placed a collection box on the **table in the hallway** for your contributions.

Please be sure to clearly label any items you would like returned.

Thank you for helping us make our **September 12 Anniversary Celebration** a meaningful walk down memory lane!

Upper Rooms are available. They are on the table in the hallway.



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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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14th Sunday After Pentecost

*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.	-	1:00 p.m.
	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m.	-	12:30 p.m.