

<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	“O How He Loves You and Me”	TFWS 2108
O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me! He gave his life. What more could he give? O how he loves you; O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me! Jesus to Calv’ry did go; his love for sinners to show. What he did there brought hope from despair. O ow he loves you; O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!		
Welcome and Announcements		Sarah Cochran
Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ		Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes
*Call to Worship	<i>by Dr. Lisa Hancock</i>	Sarah Cochran
Leader: Followers of Christ, we live in a world where we hurt one another, where sin divides us one from another and makes us enemies instead of neighbors. People: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us. Leader: The divisions in our world seem like too much to overcome, and we wonder if this forgiveness thing really works anymore. Maybe it worked for Jesus, but not for us. People: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us. Leader: We find ourselves tempted by easy answers and quick solutions, reticent to do the slow and difficult work of reconciliation. People: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us. Leader: In this place, may we encounter Christ who meets us in the places where we want to give up, where we despair that life-giving change is even possible, with abundant grace to sustain us on the journey. People: God, form us today as people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us. Amen.		
First Scripture Reading	Exodus 14:19-31 <u>See Insert</u>	Sarah Cochran
* Hymn of Praise	“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”	UMH 731

*Affirmation of Faith		UMH 888
*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	“Oh How I Love Jesus”	UMH 170
* Second Scripture Reading	Matthew 18:21-35 <u>See Insert</u>	Pastor Fabian
Message	“Grace”	Pastor Fabian
*Hymn of Response	“Freely, Freely”	UMH 389
Offertory Prayer		Sarah Cochran
Merciful Deliverer, you part the waters when we feel trapped and forgive debts too great to repay. In the face of fear and brokenness, you lead us with compassion and grace. May the gifts we bring today reflect our deep gratitude for your mercy. Let them support ministries of reconciliation and acts of healing, justice, and welcome. Teach us to lead not with judgment, but with generosity, recognizing that what we have, we hold by your mercy. Bless these offerings and bless us as stewards of your kin-dom, always seeking to build a world where grace is not rare but abundant. Amen. (Matthew 18:21-35)		
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	“O How He Loves You and Me”	Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes
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* Blessing and Benediction Pastor Fabian
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Birthday and Anniversary this week

Sept. 17 Harold Broughton
Sept. 17 John & Karen Logsdon

Messages & Other Notes

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. Please place donated snacks in the **black tote with the yellow lid**. Questions? Please contact Sarah Cochran.

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The Congregation’s Covenant

Pastor, to the congregation:

Will you receive them in Christian love, pray for them, walk with them in faith, encourage them in discipleship, and share with them in the ministry of Jesus Christ?

Congregation:

With God’s help, we will.
We welcome you in Christian love,
and together with you,
we renew our commitment
to faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church
through our prayers, our presence, our gifts,
our service, and our witness,
so that in all things God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.



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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.