

<i>Welcome!</i> <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	“Make Me a Servant”	TFWS 2176
Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.		
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: In times of busyness and stress when we feel surrounded by challenges on all sides... People: We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel. Leader: In times of joy and rest when we feel the goodness of God’s provision and abundance deep in our bones... People: We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel. Leader: In times of conflict and distress when we feel just how hard it is to live in unity together... People: We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel. Leader: Disciples of Christ, come, let us worship God who empowers us to press on... People: As we learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.		
* Hymn of Praise	“Rejoice, the Lord is King”	UMH 715
*Affirmation of Faith		UMH 884
*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.		
Anthem	“Lead Me Lord”	Choir

Hymn of Preparation	“We Walk by Faith”	TFWS 2196
We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear of him who spoke as non e’er spoke, but we believe him near. We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; yet in his promise we rejoice, and cry, “My Lord and God!” Help then, O Lord, our unbelief and may our faith abound; To call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found: That when our life of faith is done in realms of clearer light We may behold you as you are in full and endless sight.		
* Scripture Reading	Philippians 1:21-30 <u>See Insert</u>	Pastor Fabian
Message	“Striving Side by Side”	Pastor Fabian
*Hymn of Response	“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”	TFWS 2153
I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I’m gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I’m gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I’m gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I’m gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I’m gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I’m gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!		
Offertory Prayer		Sarah Cochran
Steadfast God, for us to live is Christ. In every season, you hold us, and in every struggle, you knit us together as one body. Receive these gifts as signs that we choose to stand firm, striving side by side, living as citizens of your kin-dom. Use what we offer to encourage the weary, strengthen your church, and bear witness that love is stronger than fear. Shape our common life to be worthy of the gospel, until our unity itself proclaims your grace. Amen. (Philippians 1:21-30)		
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 "Make Me a Servant" Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

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And may the prayer of my heart always be:
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* Blessing and Benediction Pastor Fabian

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Birthdays this week

Sept. 25 Pokey Looper

Messages & Other Notes

🌸 MUMC GARDEN WORKDAY 🌸

Join us on **Tuesday, September 22 at 9:00 AM** as we spend some time working in the MUMC gardens!

We will assess what needs to be done in preparation for next year’s garden, tackle some weeds, and possibly relocate a few flowers.

Everyone is welcome to join us! Come lend a hand as we work together to keep **Priscilla’s Garden** and **our church grounds beautiful**.

🌿 Many hands make light work—we hope you’ll join us! 🌿

🍪 ⭐ **BURKS ELEMENTARY TREAT TIME!** ⭐ 🎁

It’s time to help us **treat the students at Burks Elementary!** 🎉

Each quarter, students are recognized and rewarded for their achievements with a special **snack and cookie celebration**. We would love your help providing treats for these deserving students!

🍪 **Cookies & individually packaged snacks are appreciated!**
📦 Please place all donations in the **BLACK TOTE WITH THE YELLOW LID** at the church.

💛 **Thank you for helping us celebrate and encourage the students at Burks Elementary!**

Questions or need more information?
Please contact **Sarah Cochran**.

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September 20, 2026 **17th 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.		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.