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| <i><b>Welcome!</b> 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><br><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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | “Awesome God”       | TFWS 2040                    |
| <b>Our God is an awesome God;<br/>he reigns from heaven above with wisdom, pow’r, and love.<br/>Our God is an awesome God!</b><br>“Awesome God” — Rich Mullins<br>© 1988 Universal Music – Brentwood Benson Publishing<br>CCLI Song #41099. Used by Permission. CCLI License #1416635                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                     |                              |
| Welcome and Announcements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                     | Marlon Lazuka                |
| Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                     | Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes |
| *Call to Worship                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | by Dr. Lisa Hancock | Marlon Lazuka                |
| Leader: We live in a world that entices us with influence, power, and accolades.<br><b>People: We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call.</b><br>Leader: Sometimes we find ourselves wishing for heaven without working to bring heaven to earth.<br><b>People: We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to live righteously here and now.</b><br>Leader: Other times, we find ourselves exhausted by working for the gospel, wondering if anything we do is making a difference.<br><b>People: We remind one another to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call, leaning on Christ as the source of our perseverance and hope.</b><br>Leader: Beloved, God calls us not to escape this world but to build the kingdom of God in this place and in this time.<br><b>People: We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to embody God’s mercy and justice as we build God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.</b> |                     |                              |
| * Hymn of Praise                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | “My Hope Is Built”  | UMH 368                      |
| *Affirmation of Faith                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                     | UMH 886                      |
| *Choral Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | “Gloria Patri”      | UMH 70                       |
| <b>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;<br/>As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be, world without end. Amen Amen.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                     |                              |

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| Hymn of Preparation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | “A Charge I Have to Keep”                      | UMH 413                      |
| * Scripture Reading                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Philippians 3:3-14<br><u><b>See Insert</b></u> | Pastor Fabian                |
| Message                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | “The Heavenly Call”                            | Pastor Fabian                |
| *Hymn of Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | “Take My Life, and Let It Be”                  | UMH 399                      |
| Thanksgiving & Communion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                | Pastor Fabian                |
| Offertory Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                | Marlon Lazuka                |
| <b>Faithful Shepherd, you call us beyond our resumes and our trophies, beyond what we have been toward who we are becoming in Christ. As we lay these gifts before you, free us from clinging to what we think gives us worth. Turn our eyes toward the future you are unfolding. Let our giving press us deeper into mercy, widen the circle of belonging, and shape us into people who embody your justice and grace. Keep us moving; keep us growing; keep us following. We press on toward your kingdom, trusting you to lead. Amen.</b> (Philippians 3:4-14) |                                                |                              |
| Offertory Music                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                | Jill Jones-Lazuka            |
| * Congregational Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | “Doxology”                                     | UMH 94                       |
| <b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.<br/>Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!<br/>Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</b><br>“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Words: Thomas Ken; adapted by Gilbert H. Vieira Adaptation<br>© 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House Used by Permission. CCLI License #1416635                                                                                         |                                                |                              |
| * Sending Forth                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | “Awesome God”                                  | Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes |
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| * Blessing and Benediction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                | Pastor Fabian                |
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**Prayer Request 09/27/2026**  
Laurie Byrnes—Lynn’s Sister (Lynn Driscoll)  
Terry Pieper—Lynn’s Sister (Lynn Driscoll)

**Anniversaries & Birthday this week**  
Oct. 6 Keelan & Marcy Milligan  
Oct. 8 Jessica Swafford  
Oct. 10 Ed & Beth Carter

🌳 **Burks Elementary First Grade Shopping Day**  
If you would like to help with **Burks Elementary’s First Grade Shopping Day**, please meet with **Suzy Jackson in the Overflow Room** for a few minutes immediately following **worship this morning**.  
We’ll get together to **set the date and begin making plans** for this special outreach.  
**Thank you! — Suzy**

🕒 **History Wall Items**  
**Thank you to everyone who contributed items to our History Wall!** If you brought an item to be displayed, please take it home with you. We will be cleaning up and carefully putting everything away until the next time we share our church history.  
Thank you for helping make our History Wall so special!

📅 **Charge Conference**  
Our annual **Charge Conference** will be held on **Monday, October 19 at 2:00 PM**. Please mark your calendars as we gather for this important time in the life and ministry of Monterey United Methodist Church.

🎃🍬 **TRUNK OR TREAT!** 🍬👻 **Saturday, October 31 • 5:00 PM**  
**Volunteers, please be ready by 4:30 PM!**  
🍬 **Please bring candy to share!** Everyone is welcome—you **do not** have to decorate a trunk. We’ll have a table set up for anyone who would like to help hand out **candy and stickers**.  
Halloween falls on a **Saturday this year**, so we’re expecting a **BIG crowd!** Come help us connect with our community, share some smiles, and have a great time together!  
🍬 We’ll keep the fun going until the candy runs out! 🍬

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# MONTEREY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**October 4, 2026** **19th 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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| <b>Debbie Roberts</b> , Admin. Assistant | <b>Jill Jones-Lazuka</b> , Pianist           |
| <b>Sandi Vanacore</b> , Greeter          | <b>Marlon Lazuka</b> , Liturgist             |
| <b>Jesse &amp; Abigail</b> , Acolytes    |                                              |

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| <b>Sundays</b> | 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.   |
| <b>Mondays</b> | Agape Thrift    | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.   |
| <b>Mondays</b> | Lunch Bunch     | 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |
| <b>Fridays</b> | Agape Thrift    | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.   |
|                | Lunch Bunch     | 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |