***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.*

Gathering "10,000 Reasons"

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul**
**Worship His holy name**
**Sing like never before, O my soul**
**I'll worship Your holy name**

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Welcome and Announcements — Lee Driscoll

Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ — Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

*Call to Worship *by Dr. Lisa Hancock* — Lee Driscoll

Leader: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
**People: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.**
Leader: The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.
**People: We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.**
Leader: The Spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.
**People: We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.**
Leader: Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.
**People: We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise "How Firm a Foundation" UMH 529

*Affirmation of Faith UMH 889

*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 "Consider the Lillies" Choir

Hymn of Preparation "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369

* Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Pastor Fabian
**See Insert**

Message "Chosen" Pastor Fabian

*Hymn of Response "Living for Jesus" TFWS 2149

**Living for Jesus a life that is true,**
**striving to please him in all that I do,**
**yielding allegiance, glad hearted and free,**
**this is the pathway of blessing for me.**

**Refrain:**
**O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee;**
**for thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;**
**I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne,**
**my life I give, hence-forth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.**

**Living for Jesus who dies in my place,**
**bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace,**
**such love constrains me to answer his call,**
**follow his leading and give him my all.** (Refrain)

**Living for Jesus wherever I am,**
**doing each duty in his holy name,**
**willing to suffer affliction or loss,**
**deeming each trial a part of my cross.** (Refrain)

**Living for Jesus through earth's little while,**
**my dearest treasure, the light of his smile,**
**seeking the lost ones he died to redeem,**
**bringing the weary to find rest in him.** (Refrain)

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Offertory Prayer — Lee Driscoll

**Gracious God, you choose ordinary people and weave them into a community that shines with your love. We thank you for the gift of belonging—for the call to live our faith in ways that ripple outward into the lives of others. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our willingness to be witnesses to your grace. Use what we offer to encourage the weary, welcome the searching, and strengthen your church as a living example of hope. May our shared life together always point to Christ, whose love calls and sends us. Amen.** (1 Thessalonians 1:1-10)

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!**

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* Sending Forth “10,000 Reasons” Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

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* Blessing and Benediction Pastor Fabian

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**Anniversaries this week**

Oct. 18 Lee & Lynn Driscoll







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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. | | 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. |