First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

January 29, 2023

PRELUDE - Hani

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now Johann Gottfried Walther Public Domain

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Matthew 5:6)

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor of the earth.
People: Glorious is our God, who wipes away the tears of sorrow.
Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives inheritance to the meek.
People: Glorious is our God, who satisfies the hunger of the just.
Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives mercy to the merciful.
People: Glorious is our God, who gives vision to the pure in heart.
Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who adopts the peacemakers.
People: Glorious is our God, who lifts high the persecuted.
Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who finds the lost.
People: Glorious is our God, who awakens the dead.

(Bruce Prewer, From Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #2088 FWS Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky, Lord I lift your name on high.

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

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TIME WITH THE CHILDREN - Francis

SPECIAL MUSIC – Rejoice Singers

I've Got Peace Like a River African American Spiritual Public Domain

JOYS AND CONCERNS / PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

For those who are called and able, gifts and tithes can still be made through <u>online</u> giving, by mailing them in, and by dropping them off to the church office through the secure mail slot to the left of the double door entry to the church hallway.

OFFERTORY MUSIC – Hani

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (Old 100th) Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken Public Domain

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all blessings, your beloved son teaches all we need to know to claim the life you've hoped for us. In spite of that, we live like the rest of the world that is eager to accumulate and reluctant to give, showering adoration on the rich and powerful and pushing the poor and powerless. And we bring to you our gifts, which are the result of your blessings, help us to remember who Jesus called truly blessed! We pray in the name of our teacher and savior. Amen. (*Matthew* 5:1-12)

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SCRIPTURE Psalm 1 (NRSV)

- 1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
 - or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
- 2 but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.
- 4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- 6 for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee

Unscripted: Sitting with Nonoy

CLOSING HYMN #191 Jesus Loves Me

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying "Let them come to me."

Refrain

3. Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way, wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

Refrain

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Hani

Psalm 19 (The Heavens Declare) Benedetto Marcello Public Domain

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