



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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## PRELUDE - Hani

### Pastorale

Arr. Dale Wood

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## WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

**Leader:** Family of God, as we gather today, Jesus asks us, “Who do you say that I am?”

**People:** You are our Messiah, the Son of the living God!

**Leader:** Family of God, as we gather today, the Holy Spirit asks us, “Who do you say that I am?”

**People:** You are our Comforter, Advocate, and Sustainer!

**Leader:** Family of God, as we gather today, God the Father asks us, “Who do you say that I am?”

**People:** You are our Creator, Provider, and Healer!

**Leader:** Family of God, as we gather today, the Triune God asks us, “Who do you say that I am?”

**People:** You are Love that creates, saves, and enfolds us into the family of God! May we be instruments of Love in all that we are and all that we do. Amen.

*(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)*

## OPENING HYMN #176 *Majesty, Worship His Majesty*

*(sing 2 times)*

Majesty, worship his majesty;  
unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority,  
flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty, worship his majesty,  
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

**Majesty**

Jack Hayford

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**PASTOR'S TIME WITH THE CHILDREN****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 [online 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 - Joe, Marshall, Richard, Bill****A Song in My Heart**

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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

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Loving and generous God: As we offer our gifts this day, we confess that when confronted with Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" our answer is ambivalent at best. Even when we get the words right, we know our lives give a different answer. We turn away from the suffering and oppression of your children. We accumulate wealth and prestige and ignore the poor and powerless. You give and hold nothing back, and we give from our excess and resent being asked to do more. Help us to respond with the answer that comes from the center of our being and that is demonstrated in our living. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

(Matthew 16: 13-20)

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSV)

1 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12 But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ 13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

**CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL** Anthem #145 *Morning Has Broken*

1. Morning has broken  
like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken  
like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain’s new fall  
sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall  
on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness  
where his feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning  
born of the one light  
Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God's re-creation  
of the new day!

**Morning Has Broken (Bunessan)**

Elenor Farjeon | Carlton R. Young

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**SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee**

*We Are One in Christ*

**CLOSING HYMN #462 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (vss. 1, 3, 4)**

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
and to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise,  
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

*Refrain*

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking  
life and rest, and joy and peace.

*Refrain*

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,  
precious Jesus, Savior, friend;  
and I know that thou art with me,  
wilt be with me to the end.

*Refrain*

**'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus (Trust In Jesus)**

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE - Hani**

**Christ, Our Strength and Consolation**

Edward Broughton

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