



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

Shall We Gather at the River

Arr. Joe Utterback

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Pilgrims on the way, when we feel lost and ask for a sign to show us the way out of our confusion,

People: We remember that when we gather to worship, we find God in our midst.

Leader: When we face obstacles and barriers that keep us from the life God has called us to,

People: We remember that God is always at work among us, protecting and tending our well-being.

Leader: When cannot find our way out of conflict and discord,

People: We remember that God calls and equips us for the work of reconciliation.

Leader: When we struggle to pay attention to how God is at work all around us,

People: We remember God's call to sit, eat, and tell one another the stories of God's faithfulness.

Leader: Pilgrims on the way, when we watch for signs of God among us,

People: Let us remember that we too are signs of God's presence for others! Amen.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #77 *How Great Thou Art*

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

3. And when I think that God, his son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God how great thou art!

Refrain

How Great Thou Art

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

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PASTOR'S TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

DEDICATION OF TEACHERS AND PROMOTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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 – Rev. Jacob Lee**The Lord's Prayer**

Albert Hay Malotte

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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

God of love and compassion, we ask you to dedicate the tithes and offerings we bring to worship. We do this in the hope that you will do more with them than we could ever do on our own to heal the brokenness and division in our world. Remind us that the work of reconciliation does not get removed from our list because we put something in the offering and that mission field is within our arms' reach. This we pray in the redeemer's holy name, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*(Matthew 18:15-20)***SCRIPTURE Psalm 150 (NRSV)**

- 1 Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!
- 2 Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
- 3 Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
- 4 Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
- 5 Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- 6 Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir

“Three Irish Blessings” II: With Your Blessing

Arnold Sherman

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

Blessed Are Those... (2)

To be sung during the sermon

#378 Amazing Grace (v. 1, 6)

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Amazing Grace

Edwin Othello Excell | John Newton

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#377 It Is Well with My Soul (v. 1)

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

It Is Well With My Soul

Horatio Gates Spafford | Philip Paul Bliss

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SPECIAL MUSIC - Rachelle, Ray and Leah**Grace Flows Down**

David E. Bell | Louie Giglio and Rod Padgett

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SPECIAL MUSIC - Marshall, Richard, Pastor Jacob**The Lord Bless You and Keep You**

John Rutter

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HYMN SINGING FWS #2068 *I Love You, Lord**(with Sign Language, 2 times)*

I Love you, Lord,
and I lift my voice
to worship you,
O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King,
in what you hear,
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear

I Love You, Lord

Laurie Klein

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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE - Hani*****Trumpet Tune on "Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah"***

Larry Visser

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