



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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## PRELUDE - Hani

**My Jesus, I Love Thee**

Arr. Dale Wood

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## WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

**Leader:** On this All Saints Day, we gather to join the multitude of saints across the generations from all tribes, peoples, and languages, to proclaim:

**People:** **Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

**Leader:** We come to remember, to grieve, and to celebrate those saints who have come before, yet whose life and witness continues to teach us:

**People:** **Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

**Leader:** We gather today as the family of Christ, siblings and saints, diverse yet united by grace to live lives that declare:

**People:** **Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

**Leader:** May we be guided today by the Lamb who is our Shepherd, the one who gathers us, comforts us and tends us.

**People:** **May we join in the work of the Shepherd to bring about a world with no more hunger, no more thirst, no more suffering, and no more pain that all the saints of the past, the present, and the future may share in God's abundant life. Amen.**

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

## OPENING HYMN #66 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* (v. 1, 2, 4)

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to the throne thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor  
to all people in distress;  
praise God, still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and quick to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious now God's faithfulness.

4. Angels in the heights, adoring,  
you behold God face to face;  
saints triumphant, now adoring,  
gathered in from every race.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

**Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven**  
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### **HOLY COMMUNION, The United Methodist Hymnal, page 15**

*The Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*...The pastor concludes:*  
And so,  
with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*...The pastor concludes:*

And so,  
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

*The pastor concludes:*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **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 - Hani**

**In the Garden**

Arr. Greg Howlett

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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)**

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of all generations, as we worship today, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have and all that we are. Like your saints who have gone before us, we pray that you will help us to be bold in our mission and in our witness. May we who have been given so much give freely, ministering in your compassion to the multitudes near and far, so that one day, we may stand amid the multitude that gathers at your heavenly throne. We pray this in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Revelation 7:9-17)*

**REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS**

(As the names of members of our church who died since last All Saints Day are called, family representatives or others designated will come forward and light the taller candles.)

Following the reading of each name, we will respond together, "Present with the Lord."

Richard K. Nishimura      July 17, 2023  
Annette Mays              September 15, 2023

**REMEMBERING FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WERE NOT MEMBERS OF THIS CHURCH**

(Let others come to light the smaller candles in memory of family members who have died this past year but formally have not been members of our church. Please share their names at the microphone held by the pastor as you come to light a candle.)

**PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE**

Leader: On this All Saints Sunday, we also remember that we too are living saints, members of the family of God with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future. And so, we remember:

People: We are God's children. What we shall be has not yet been revealed; but we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. So today and every day, may we put on Christ and live as saints who tend the poor, comfort the mourners, learn from the meek, affirm those who seek righteousness, offer mercy alongside the merciful, and work for peace with the peacemakers until Christ comes in final victory and we feast as the family of God at his heavenly banquet. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** Ephesians 1:11-23 (NRSV)

11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**Anthem - Chancel Choir****One Bread, One Body**

John Foley | Arr. Mark Hayes

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**SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee***Our Identity and Destiny***CLOSING HYMN #723** *Shall We Gather at the River*

1. Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

*Refrain*

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

2. On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day.

*Refrain*

3. Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown.

*Refrain*

4. Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace.

*Refrain*

**Shall We Gather At The River (Hanson Place)**

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE - Hani**

**Sortie**

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