



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

Shall We Gather at the River

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

People: **By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain among us.**

Leader: Therefore, beloved, let us know love in word or in speech but in deed and in truth.

People: **Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life.**

All: **This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ. Amen.**

(Written by Ruth Duck, Bread for the Journey)

OPENING HYMN #61 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

1. Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days!

2. Come, thou incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend!
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
on us descend!

3. Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power!

4. To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence, evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore!

Come Thou Almighty King (Italian Hymn)
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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 - Josh

Song of Redemption
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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

Loving Creator, we come together to present our tithes and offerings. We are reminded of the profound love with which you have called us your children. Help us recognize that our generosity and stewardship of the resources you've entrusted to us are a sign of our commitment to this holy transformation. May these offerings we bring today be a reflection of our love for you and our desire to be faithful stewards of your blessings. Bless our giving and guide us in using these gifts wisely. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(1 John 3:1-7)

SCRIPTURE [Hosea 6:1-3](#); [Numbers 6:22-27](#) (NRSV)

Hosea 6:1-3

- 1 “Come, let us return to the LORD;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
- 2 After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
- 3 Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

Numbers 6:22-27

- 22 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 23 Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,
- 24 The LORD bless you and keep you;
- 25 the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
- 26 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
- 27 So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Response

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir**Seek Ye First**

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

Unwavering Grace and Promise

CLOSING HYMN #133 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* (v. 1, 3)

1. What a fellowship,
what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness,
what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

3. What have I to dread,
what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace
with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain***Leaning On The Everlasting Arms**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - Hani

A Song Of Gladness

William Barnett

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