



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

August 25, 2024

## PRELUDE - Josh

### A River Flows in You

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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Disciples of Christ, why have you gathered today?

**People: To worship God, who lives among us.**

Leader: God lives among us all the time, so why have you gathered today?

**People: To remind one another that God lives among us as we worship.**

Leader: When you scatter from this place, what will you take with you?

**People: Hearts open to recognize God living among us.**

Leader: Then, come! Let us worship together!

**People: We come to worship with rejoicing the Triune God who lives, loves, and moves among us as we gather and as we are sent from this place! Amen.**

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

## OPENING HYMN #88 *Maker, in Whom We Live* (v. 1, 2, 4)

1. Maker, in whom we live,  
in whom we are and move,  
the glory, power, and praise receive  
for thy creating love.

Let all the angel throng  
give thanks to God on high,  
while earth repeats the joyful song  
and echoes to the sky.

2. Incarnate Deity,  
let all the ransomed race  
render in thanks their lives to thee  
for thy redeeming grace.

The grace to sinners showed  
ye heavenly choirs proclaim,  
and cry, "Salvation to our God,  
salvation to the Lamb!"

4. Eternal, Triune God,  
let all the hosts above,  
let all on earth below record  
and dwell upon thy love.  
When heaven and earth are fled  
before thy glorious face,  
sing all the saints thy love hath made  
thine everlasting praise.

**Maker, in Whom We Live**

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**TIME FOR 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 - Vocals / Guitar - Sofia, Piano - Danielle, Drums - Nathan**

**Hosanna**

Brooke Ligertwood

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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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## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God, as we bring forth our offerings today, we are reminded of your enduring presence among us. With hearts full of gratitude, we offer these gifts as a symbol of our commitment to live lives of worship, not just within these walls but in every moment of our existence. May our actions, our words, and our very lives be a testament to your glory, shining forth your love and grace to all we encounter. Amen.

(1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43)

## SCRIPTURE Mark 8:27-38 (NRSV)

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" 28 And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." 29 He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." 30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

### *Response*

The Word of the Lord:  
Thanks be to God.

**Congregational Anthem - #2088 FWS** *Lord I Lift Your Name On High (Sing 2x)*

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**

Rick Founds

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**SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee***The Gospel of Mark: The Declaration***CLOSING HYMN #580** *Lead On, O King Eternal (v. 1, 3)*

1. Lead on, O King eternal,  
the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest  
thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation  
thy grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal,  
we lift our battle song.

3. Lead on, O King eternal,  
we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning  
where'er thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,  
we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might.

**Lead On O King Eternal (Lancashire)**

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## BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE - Josh

#### **O God Beyond All Praising**

Gustav Holst | Arr. Paul A. Tate

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