



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

The Lord's My Shepherd

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome! Welcome to the baggage we carry, the joys we share, the griefs we bear, and the worries we hold.

People: **Come! Let us worship!**

Leader: The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.

People: **Come! Let us worship!**

Leader: God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

People: **Come! Let us worship!**

Leader: So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ.

People: **Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #96 *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*

1. Praise the Lord who reigns above and keeps his court below;
praise the holy God of love and all his greatness show;
praise him for his noble deeds,
praise him for his matchless power;
him from whom all good proceeds let earth and heaven adore.

2. Celebrate th'eternal God with harp and psaltery,
timbrels soft and cymbals loud in this high praise agree;
praise with every tuneful string;
all the reach of heavenly art,
all the powers of music bring, the music of the heart.

3. God, in whom they move and live, let every creature sing,
glory to their Maker give, and homage to their King.
Hallowed be thy name beneath,
as in heaven on earth adored;
praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord.

Praise The Lord Who Reigns Above (Amsterdam)

Charles Wesley

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TIME WITH THE 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 - Marshall

Take My Hand Precious Lord (Precious Lord)

Thomas A Dorsey

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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

Holy God, in this moment of offering, we acknowledge your timeless presence and boundless love. As we bring forth our gifts, may we be reminded of your unwavering faithfulness and steadfast guidance in our lives. Grant us the wisdom to heed your call to worship and live out our faith with humility and grace. Amen.

(2 Samuel 7:1-14a)

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:1-8 (NRSV)

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

3 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir

Let There be Peace on Earth

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

The Gospel of Mark: The Proclamation

CLOSING HYMN #171 *There's Something About That Name* (sing 2 times)

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!
There's just something about that name!
Master, Savior, Jesus!
Like the fragrance after the rain.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!
Let all heaven and earth proclaim:
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
but there's something about that name!

There's Something About That Name

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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE - Hani****God of Our Fathers**

Arr. James Mandfield

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