



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

June 9, 2024

## PRELUDE - Hani

### Prelude on "Rhosymedre"

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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Some of us come today with hearts weighed down with anxiety, fear, despair, and hurt. Together we cling to this truth:

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Some of us come today with hearts that feel light with relief, joy, comfort, and gratitude. Together we cling to this truth:

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Some of us come today not knowing what we think about God, confused and disappointed that the world God made is so full of evils of every kind. Together we cling to this truth:

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Be with us, God, in all that we bring with us, as we gather to encounter your unchanging love.

**People: We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity who is immutable in love. Amen.**

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

## OPENING HYMN #384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

### **Love Divine (Beecher)**

Charles Wesley | John Zundel  
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## **PASTOR'S TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS / CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, we gather this morning with those who love You, that we might sing Your praises and share Your love with one another. You have shown Your faithfulness to us every day in ways that we do not always recognize, so we gather today in order to thank You for Your constant watch-care over us. Help us to entrust our lives to You and Your purposes as we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray in the power of Your Spirit,

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

“Wedding Suite” Canon in D / Gathered in the Love of Christ

Arr. Paul A Tate

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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 all creation, in humble gratitude, we offer our gifts, celebrating your steadfast love that endures forever. As we reflect on your faithfulness, help us align our hearts with your divine rhythm. Guide us to sing your praises boldly, inviting others to join in the song of your love. Amid trials and triumphs, may our worship be a testament to your enduring grace. As we acknowledge our human frailty, reassure us of your unwavering presence. Lead us in the work of your hands, empowering us to love as you do. Bless these offerings, magnifying your love in our community and beyond. Amen.

*(Psalm 138)*

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 138 (NRSV)

- 1 I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;
- 2 I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;  
for you have exalted your name and your word  
above everything.
- 3 On the day I called, you answered me,  
you increased my strength of soul.
  
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.
- 6 For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;  
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
  
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;  
you stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.
- 8 The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

*Response*

The Word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem - Chancel Choir****How Can I keep From Singing**

Robert Lowry | Arr. Craig Courtney

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**SERMON - Pastor Joy Oh**

*By Your Grace, Every Day*

**CLOSING HYMN #2009 FWS *O God Beyond All Praising***

1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

2. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

**O God Beyond All Praising (THAXTED)**

Gustav Theodore Holst | Michael Perry

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**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE - Hani****Hornpipe**

G.F. Handel

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