



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

June 23, 2024

PRELUDE - Hani

Prière à Nortre-Dame

L. Boéllmann

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WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

People: **Come, let us worship our Creator!**

Leader: God is the great Sower, scattering seeds of life and abundance across the earth.

People: **We are the soil the Sower plants, created to nurture and sustain the seeds of God's life-giving love.**

Leader: God is the great Gardener, tilling and cultivating our soil with love and grace.

People: **We notice the rocks and thorns in our soil and call on the Gardener's love and grace to transform us into good soil.**

Leader: God is the great Life-giver, sowing seeds and tending the soil to produce the Fruit of abundant life.

People: **May we nurture and grow God's new reality, bearing the fruit of flourishing and abundance for all God's creation. Amen.**

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #189 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

1. Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

4. Beautiful Savior!
Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

Fairest Lord Jesus

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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 - P.A.L.A. Singers

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

Gracious God, as we bring our offerings before you in this Pentecost season, we acknowledge the gift of your grace, freely given and yet calling us to respond. Help us not to accept your grace in vain, but to let it bear fruit in our lives and in our communities. May our actions reflect the transforming power of your grace as we open our hearts to love, to vulnerability, and to relationship, trusting in the abundance of your grace to guide us. Amen.

(2 Corinthians 6:1-13)

SCRIPTURE John 4:20-26 (NRSV)

20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” 21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” 25 The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” 26 Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You

Jay Althouse

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

Know as We Practice: Worship

CLOSING HYMN #710 Faith of Our Fathers (v. 1, 3)

1. Faith of our farthers, living still,
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word!

Refrain

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

3. Faith of our fathers, we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife;
and preach thee, too, as love knows how
by kindly words and virtuous life.

*Refrain***Faith Of Our Fathers (St Catherine)**

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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE - Hani****Postlude on "Ebenezer"**

Arr. Gordon Young

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