



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

March 17, 2024

## PRELUDE - Hani

**Adagio in A minor Q. 19**

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## PROCESSIONAL HYMN #159 Lift High the Cross (v. 2)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Each new born servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

### **Lift High The Cross (Crucifer)**

George William Kitchin | Michael Robert Newbolt | Sydney Hugo Nicholson

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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Lenten travelers, how long have you traveled this road with your gaze pointed down at the dust and gravel and asphalt as you walk or limp or roll down the path?

**People:** **Sometimes it is easier to look at the road than at the people who share the journey with us.**

**Leader:** Lift up your heads! Look, listen, reach out a hand. Who are your neighbors on this road?

**People:** **We lift our heads and look to our Savior who journeys with us and helps us notice our neighbors all around us.**

**Leader:** This is the Lenten journey—to learn to love God and love our neighbors just as Jesus showed us.

**People:** **Our journey teaches us to lose our lives to God as we find and follow Christ in our service to others.**

**Leader:** Come, let us worship God who caravans with us on this road to the cross.

**People:** **Come, let us worship! Amen.**

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

**OPENING HYMN #102** *Now Thank We All Our God* (v. 1, 2, 3)

1. Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills,  
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given;  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

**Now Thank We All Our God**

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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

### Gymnopedie #1

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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 the ages, we share our tithes and offerings this day with, but we acknowledge that most of the time, we are clinging tightly to what we have, afraid we might lose something we need and afraid somehow there won't be enough to live our lives. The scarcity mindset overtakes us, and it robs us of the joy of our days. Remind us that Jesus has called us to be ready to let go of this life so that we might claim the abundance of life eternal. In our redeemer's name, we pray. Amen.**

*(John 12:20-33)*

## SCRIPTURE Colossians 4:2-6 (NRSV)

2 Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. 3 At the same time pray for us as well that God will open to us a door for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ, for which I am in prison, 4 so that I may reveal it clearly, as I should.

5 Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone.

### Response

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem – Chancel Choir****Weep, O Mary, Weep**

Patrick Liebergen

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(Based on The Purpose Driven Life/Church)

**CLOSING HYMN #670 Go Forth for God (v. 1, 2, 4)**

1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;  
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,  
till in the kingdom we see face to face.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

2. Go forth for God, go to the world in love;  
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;  
help the afflicted; richly from above  
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

4. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,  
to serve God's people every day and hour,  
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

**Go Forth for God**

John Raphael Peacey

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**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE – Hani****Marche Triomphale**

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