



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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## PRELUDE - Hani

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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, sometimes we show up to worship ready to encounter your presence.

**People: We know you are always with us.**

Leader: Sometimes we catch glimpses of you at home, work, or school—in a smile, in a gentle breeze, in the joy of being together.

**People: We know you are always with us.**

Leader: But God, we hesitate to encounter you in all of your glory, afraid to be overwhelmed by your love and holiness.

**People: And yet, we know you are always with us in the fullness of your glory.**

Leader: Ready our hearts today to encounter more of your glory, your love, holiness, and glory that is always present with us.

**People: We come today to enter the dance of the all-consuming presence of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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

## OPENING HYMN #62 *All Creatures of Our God and King* (v. 1, 4, 5)

1. All creatures of our God and king,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
O praise ye! Alleluia!  
O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam!  
O praise ye! O praise ye!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfoldest blessing on our way,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
let them God's glory also show!  
O praise ye! O praise ye!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. All ye who are of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
O praise ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care!  
O praise ye! O praise ye!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **All Creatures of Our God and King**

St. Francis of Assisi | William Henry Draper | Ralph Vaughan Williams

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## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

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

#### **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**O God, You are holy, and deep within ourselves where our souls touch the ground, where our being meets your being, we are on holy ground and your holiness surrounds us and calls our name. Your holiness is your goodness, your generosity towards us and the silence which waits and hopes and is glad and disappointed - and waits. You wait to meet us, to make us holy with your holiness, to make us loving with your love, to make us hopeful with your hope. In your presence, we bow our heads in shame where we have failed others, failed ourselves and failed you. Touch us with the tenderness of your forgiveness. In your presence, we breathe new life when we dare to be still, to be centered, to be whole, to be holy. Set us free to be holy. Set us free to be for ourselves a place where sacredness is joy and peace. And let us be a sacred space for others and make sacredness for them. Dwell in us as in a holy temple, that we may know stillness and that we may sense the fragrance of your love and bring that fragrance to where life is a stench and putrid and stale, within ourselves and within our world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray, saying,**

*(Written by William Loader, Worship blog)*

**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.

Not reported.

## 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

Loving God, as we gather, we recall Isaiah's humbling encounter with your overwhelming presence. Like him, we're unworthy yet grateful for glimpsing your glory. In stewardship, may our generosity reflect gratitude for your blessings. Guide us in discipleship, knowing and serving you. With every gift, we express our commitment to follow your call. May we humbly say, "Here am I, send me!" Amen.

*(Isaiah 6:1-8)*

## SCRIPTURE [Micah 6:8](#); [Luke 10:25-28](#) (NRSV)

### **Micah 6:8**

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

**Luke 10:25-28**

25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" 27 He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

**Anthem - Chancel Choir****Be Thou My Vision**

Traditional Irish, Arr. by Mark Hayes

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**SERMON - Scott**

*The Case of The Deity's Dispute*

**CLOSING HYMN #664 Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

1. Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended,  
O now be extended  
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us,  
and love shall unite us  
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With your grace you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

**Sent Forth By God's Blessing (The Ash Grove)**

Omer Westendorf

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE - Hani**

**March in G Major**

Louis J.A. Lefébure-Wély

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