



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

November 3, 2024

PRELUDE - Hani

Lord, Speak to Me

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,

All: "Let there be light!"

Leader: In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,

All: "I am the Light of the world."

Leader: In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,

All: The ones in whom God's light shines.

Leader: So let us give thanks for the saints this day,

All: And let us worship God.

Leader: We gather this morning to remember our call:

All: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Leader: We bring with us the events of the week in the world and in our lives,

All: Trying to know how to be just and loving and humble in the midst of it all.

Leader: We gather here, and see those who are doing justice, who are kind beyond measure, who set the example for humility.

All: With gratitude for living saints, with thankfulness for the purpose of faith, let us worship God

(Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good.")

OPENING HYMN #555 *Forward Through the Ages* (v. 1, 3)

1. Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
manifold the service, one the sure reward.

Refrain

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

3. Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
move we on together to the shining goal.

Refrain

Forward Through the Ages

Fredrick Lucian Hosmer | Arthur S. Sullivan
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HOLY COMMUNION, The United Methodist Hymnal, page 15

At the direction of the ushers, communicants will process forward to receive the elements then return to their seats.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...The pastor concludes:

And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...The pastor concludes:

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

The pastor concludes:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.
now and for ever.

Amen.

STAFF APPRECIATION

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 - Hani

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
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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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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Compassionate God, who weeps with us and offers us eternal hope, we present our gifts with grateful hearts. Just as you called Lazarus from the tomb, call us to new life and purpose through our giving. Use these offerings to build your kingdom and bring comfort to the grieving and light to those in darkness. May our contributions reflect your love and grace, transforming our community into a place of hope and renewal. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(John 11:32-44)

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

Following the reading of each name, we will respond together, "Present with the Lord."

Fayth Taylor, November 5, 2023
Deidre A. Picascia, November 12, 2023
Lowell Taylor, November 22, 2023
D'Ann Gesch, January 23, 2024
John W. Hardin, March 22, 2024
Purificacion A. Cortez, April 1, 2024
Willene F. Cyre, May 19, 2024
Wilfredo T. Villaruz, May 19, 2024
Jesus L. Dacuycuy, September 9, 2024

Remembering Family Members Who Were Not Members of This Church**PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE**

Leader: On this All Saints Sunday, we also remember that we too are living saints, members of the family of God with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future. And so, we remember:

People: We are God's children. What we shall be has not yet been revealed; but we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. So today and every day, may we put on Christ and live as saints who tend the poor, comfort the mourners, learn from the meek, affirm those who seek righteousness, offer mercy alongside the merciful, and work for peace with the peacemakers until Christ comes in final victory and we feast as the family of God at his heavenly banquet. Amen.

SCRIPTURE [Philippians 4:4-7 \(NRSV\)](#)

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem - Chancel Choir**Shall We Gather at the River**

Robert Lowry, Arr. John Carter

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SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee

Joy Together (2)

He Knows My Name

Tommy Walker

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CLOSING HYMN #89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (v. 1, 3, 4)*

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever
blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine; teach us
how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - Hani

Under the Double Eagle Op.159

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