



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

November 10, 2024

## PRELUDE - Josh

**When the Love Falls**

Yiruma

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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, take a deep breath. Breathe in the goodness of God's abundance all around you.

**All: God's abundance is enough for all that we need.**

Leader: Think of all the things our society calls abundance. Ever-growing bank accounts, possessions galore, status and notoriety—what are these things compared to God's abundance?

**All: God's abundance is enough for all that we need.**

Leader: God's abundance notices the poor, the downtrodden, those whose labor and unmet needs fill the coffers of corporations and those who are wealthy beyond measure.

**All: God's abundance is enough for all that we need.**

Leader: How, then, will you offer yourself up to God? Like the Pharisees or the widow?

**All: We will give as people who trust in God's provision, because God's abundance is enough for all that we need.**

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

## OPENING HYMN FWS #2036 Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong";  
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Henry Smith

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## **TIME FOR 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.

### **STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY - Paul and Petty**

### **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

**"Raindrop" Prelude Op. 28 No. 15**  
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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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## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, whose compassion knows no bounds, we offer these gifts as a reflection of our love and gratitude. Just as the widow gave all she had, may we also give sacrificially, trusting in your provision. Use these offerings to further your kingdom, bringing hope and healing to those in need. Bless our giving, that it may glorify your name and extend your grace to all. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

*(Mark 12:38-44)*

## SCRIPTURE Luke 20:45—21:6 (NRSV)

45 In the hearing of all the people he said to the disciples, 46 "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets. 47 They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

1 He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; 2 he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. 3 He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; 4 for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

5 When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 6 "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

*Response*

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

**Anthem – Chancel Choir****Open the Eyes of My Heart**

Paul Baloche, Arr. by Jim Lucas

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As the deer pants for the water,  
So my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield;  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you.

**As The Deer**

Martin Nystrom

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**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE – Josh****Alleluia! Love is Alive**

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