



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

November 17, 2024

PRELUDE - Hani

Pastorale

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, when wars and rumors of wars circle all around, Jesus says:

All: Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

Leader: When earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, famines, and floods produce chaos and destruction, Jesus says:

All: Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

Leader: When misinformation and disinformation try to dismantle relationships of trust in our families, churches, cities, and nation, Jesus says:

All: Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

Leader: Children of God, whatever leaves you feeling unsteady, insecure, scared, and confused today—do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

All: We come to worship God who inscribes our ending, our beginning, and everything in-between in Love. Thanks be to God! Amen.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #131 *We Gather Together*

1. We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens
his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name;
he forgets not his own.

2. Beside us to guide us,
our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining
his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning
the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side,
all glory be thine!

3. We all do extol thee,
thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still
our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation
escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!

We Gather Together (Kremser)
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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.

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 - Megumi

Piano Sonata No. 30 Op. 109, 1st movement
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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

Merciful God, whose wisdom surpasses all understanding, we offer these gifts as a token of our faith and devotion. In a world full of uncertainties, may these offerings be used to spread your hope and love. Teach us to listen to your voice amid the noise and to trust in your steadfast presence. Bless our giving, that it may build your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(Mark 13:1-8)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 10:26-33 (NRSV)

26 “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. 27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

32 “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; 33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Response

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Anthem - Chancel Choir

I Want To Walk As A Child of The Light

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

Overcoming Relative Fear

CLOSING HYMN #530 *Are Ye Able* (v. 1, 4)

1. “Are ye able,” said the Master,
“to be crucified with me?”
“Yea,” the sturdy dreamers answered,
“to the death we follow thee.”

Refrain

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

4. Are ye able? Still the Master
whispers down eternity,
and heroic spirits answer,
now as then in Galilee.

*Refrain***Are Ye Able**

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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE – Hani****Voluntary VIII Op.VI**

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