



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

November 24, 2024

PRELUDE - Hani

Thanks Be to Thee

G. F. Handel

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, whom do you follow?

All: We follow Christ, Ruler of us all.

Leader: Children of God, what kind of Ruler is Christ?

All: Christ reigns with love and truth, justice and mercy, compassion and peace.

Leader: Children of God, how will you live in the reign of Christ?

All: We will join Christ in choosing love, truth, justice, mercy, compassion, and peace even when our world tells us not to.

Leader: Children of God, come, let us worship God whose Love reigns over us, exemplified in Jesus Christ!

All: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #660 *God Is Here* (v. 1-3)

1. God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

2. Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3. Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

God Is Here As We His People (Abbot's Leigh)

Cyril Vincent Taylor | Fred Pratt Green

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TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

SPECIAL MUSIC - James & Willow

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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

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OFFERTORY MUSIC - P.A.L.A.

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Haldor Lillenas

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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

Loving Creator, whose reign is everlasting, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. May they serve to proclaim your truth and extend your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. Transform our offerings and our lives to bear witness to the hope and promise of Christ, our king. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

(John 18:33-37)

SCRIPTURE Luke 17:11-19 (NRSV)

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16 He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? 18 Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19 Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Response

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Anthem - Chancel Choir

Thanksgiving

John Ness Beck

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SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee

Completion Through Gratitude

CLOSING 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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give thanks to the Holy One,
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And now let the weak say, "I am strong";
Let the poor say, "I am rich,
because of what the Lord has done for us."

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Henry Smith

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - Hani

Thanksgiving Postlude "Ashgrove"

Arr. Gene Robertson

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