



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

Pastorale “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Arr. Dale Wood

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to listen to the voice of Jesus say, “Come, follow me!” But will you follow when Jesus also calls you to release the hold wealth has on you?

All: **We want to follow Jesus anywhere he leads, and we can with God’s help.**

Leader: We gather to remember all that God has taught us through scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. But what about when we have to put what we know into action?

All: **We want to put our faith into action, and we can with God’s help.**

Leader: We gather to live into God’s economy of abundance, recognizing the riches of the prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness that surround us. But what about when the world tempts us back into scarcity?

All: **We want to turn away from scarcity and choose God’s abundance, and we can with God’s help.**

Leader: We gather to shine as a beacon of a new way of living where following Jesus means sharing in God’s abundant gifts together. But will you keep shining when others try to pull you astray, putting the pursuit of wealth before the pursuit of God?

All: **With God’s help, we will resist the pull of wealth and the fear of scarcity and pursue the way of love, abundance, and flourishing for all creation. Amen.**

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #62 *All Creature of Our God and King* (v. 1, 2, 3, 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!

Refrain

O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain,
by which all creatures ye sustain,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice!

Refrain

3. O sister water, flowing clean,
make music for thy Lord to hear
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother fire who lights the night,
providing warmth, enhancing sight,

Refrain

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!

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

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

Sonata No. 9 in D Major, K311 / II: Andante con espressione

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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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, you are our provider and sustainer. We bring our gifts today, mindful of your abundant love and mercy. As we offer these tithes and offerings, we ask that you remind us of the call to let go of our earthly attachments and follow you wholeheartedly. Bless these gifts and use them to further your kingdom on earth, so that all may experience your grace and love. May our giving reflect our trust in you and our commitment to serve others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(Mark 10:17-31)

SCRIPTURE [Mark 13:32-37 \(NRSV\)](#)

32 “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir

Raise Your Hands

Heather Sorenson

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

The Gospel of Mark: Keep Awake

CLOSING HYMN #715 Rejoice, the Lord Is King (v. 1, 4)

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

4. Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear
th'archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Rejoice The Lord Is King (Darwall's 148th)

Charles Wesley | John Darwall

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Hani

Let the Lion of Castile arise (from “Ernani”)

G. Verdi

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