



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

October 20, 2024

PRELUDE - Hani

Pavane

Gabriel Fauré

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome all who long to encounter Jesus, the one who loves, tends, sustains, and saves us.

All: **Jesus said, “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.”**

Leader: Welcome all who walk the halls of power, who feel pushed and pulled to fight for position, status, and authority.

All: **Jesus said, “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.”**

Leader: Welcome all who feel burned out, who have given more than they have day in and day out and long for someone to notice that you, too, need help and support.

All: **Jesus said, “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.”**

Leader: Welcome, followers of Christ, who came to serve and show God’s abundant love and grace among us.

All: **We come to worship Jesus who shows us that serving is the fruit of our love and being served by one another is the source of our power as the Body of Christ. Amen.**

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #280 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (v. 1, 2, 4, 5)

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor,
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David’s royal Son,
who in the Lord’s name comest,
the King and Blessed One.

Refrain

2. The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply.

Refrain

4. To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

Refrain

5. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.

Refrain

All Glory Laud and Honour (St Theodulph)

John Mason Neale | Melchior Teschner | Theodulph Of Orleans
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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 - Richard, Joe, Bill, Gary

The Church by the Side of the Road

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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 God, you teach us humility and service. We bring our offerings today with grateful hearts. As we reflect on your holy scripture today, may we give as a testament to our commitment to serve others, not seeking the highest places but embracing the path of sacrificial love. Bless these gifts and use them to advance your kingdom. Remind us that true greatness always comes through serving. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(Mark 10:35-45)

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:35-45 (NRSV)

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36 And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" 37 And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" 39 They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42 So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 43 But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Response

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Anthem - Chancel Choir

Here I Am Lord

Dan Schutte | Arr. Craig Courtney

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SERMON - William

Q & A

CLOSING HYMN #714 *I Know Whom I Have Believed* (v. 1, 4)

1. I know not why God's wondrous grace
to me he hath made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
redeemed me for his own.

Refrain

But I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day.

4. I know not when my Lord may come,
at night or noontide fair,
nor if I walk the vale with him,
or meet him in the air.

Refrain

I Know Whom I Have Believed

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - Hani

Christ the Redeemer

Tom Birchwood

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