



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

Peace to My Soul

William Barnett

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome, Beloved! Why have you gathered today?

All: We have come to worship God, who is the maker of us all!

Leader: What do you seek from God, our Creator?

All: We seek God's wisdom to guide us and show us how to live.

Leader: Are you ready to follow when God's wisdom leads down unexpected paths?

All: We will trust, and we will follow wherever God's wisdom leads us.

Leader: Well then, Beloved of God, what are you waiting for?

All: Come! Let us worship and seek God's uncommon wisdom together! Amen.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #176 Majesty, Worship His Majesty (sing 2 times)

Majesty, worship his majesty;
unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Majesty

Jack Hayford

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TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

VIDEO - Rev. Richard Navarro and Rev. Alma Navarro

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 - Presenter

Etude Op. 25 No. 1 "Aeolian Harp"
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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, we dedicate these offerings with hearts guided by your wisdom and grace. As we gather on this September Sunday, may our gifts embody the teachings of Proverbs, spreading honor, kindness, and justice to all. Use these offerings to uplift those in need, fostering hope and peace in our community. May we live out your wisdom in our actions and generosity. This we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

(Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23)

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:17-31 (NRSV)

17 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 18 Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 19 You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” 20 He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” 21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” 22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” 24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” 26 They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” 27 Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

28 Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” 29 Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem - Chancel Choir**Go Now and Pass it On**

Don Besig | Nancy Price

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SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee

The Gospel of Mark: The Eye of A Needle

CLOSING HYMN #398 *Jesus Calls Us* (v. 1, 3, 5)

1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me!"

3. Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more!"

5. Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

Jesus Calls Us (Galilee)

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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE - Hani****La Marche des Rois**

Clement Loret
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