



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

September 29, 2024

## PRELUDE - Hani

**Prelude in G Minor, Op. 16, No. 1**  
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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome to the community of faith, the family of God!

**People: We come as families, large and small in number, seeking God's love.**

Leader: God's love is here for you.

**People: Help us to understand how we are connected to God.**

Leader: We abide in Christ Jesus, in love and compassion.

**People: May our spirits be renewed and our connection to God be strengthened through our worship today. AMEN.**

*(From Ministry Matters; Worship Connection)*

## OPENING HYMN #92 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies;

*Refrain:*

Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light;

*Refrain*

3. For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight;

*Refrain*

4. For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild;

*Refrain***For The Beauty Of The Earth (Dix)**

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**PROCESSION OF REJOICE SINGERS**

*Singspiration with the congregation: Led by Rejoice Singers*

**Hymn UMH #657 *This is Day (sing 2 times)***

This is the day,  
this is the day that the Lord hath made,  
that the Lord hath made.  
Let us rejoice,  
let us rejoice and be glad in it,  
and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord hath made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day,  
this is the day that the Lord hath made.

**This Is The Day**

Les Garrett

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**Hymn TFWS #2021 *What a Mighty God We Serve (v. 1, 3)***

1. What a mighty God we serve,  
what a mighty God we serve,  
what a mighty God we serve,  
what a mighty God we serve!

3. Let us shout and praise God's name,  
let us shout and praise God's name,  
let us shout and praise God's name,  
let us shout and praise God's name!

### **What a Mighty God We Serve**

Traditional African Folk Song | Adapt. Jack Schrader

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### **Hymn TFWS #2038 *Father I Adore You* (v. 1, 3)**

1. Father, I adore you,  
lay my life before you;  
how I love you.

3. Spirit, I adore you,  
lay my life before you;  
how I love you.

### **Father I Adore You**

Terrye Coelho

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### **SCRIPTURE James 5:13-20 (NRSV)**

13 Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. 14 Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. 17 Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18 Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

19 My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, 20 you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**RESPONSE Hymn UMH #601 *Thy Word Is a Lamp* (sing 2 times)***Refrain*

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid,  
think I've lost my way,  
still you're there right beside me,  
and nothing will I fear  
as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

*Refrain*

2. Now I will not forget  
your love for me and yet  
my heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide  
and hold me to your side,  
and I will love you to the end.

*Refrain***Thy Word**

Amy Grant | Michael W. Smith

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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 - Liam and Willow

### Memories

Adam Levine | Stefan Johnson | Jordan Johnson | Michael Pollack | Jacob Kasher Hindlin | Jon Bellion | Vincent Ford

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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, we dedicate these offerings to your service, inspired by Esther's wisdom and courage. Just as she sought deliverance and found grace, may our gifts bring hope and relief to those in need. Guide us to use these resources to promote justice, mercy, and compassion in our community. May we always act with gratitude and wisdom, recognizing your providence in all we do. Bless these gifts and those who give them so that, together, we may reflect your love and grace in the world. In Christ, our savior and redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

*(Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22)*

## Anthem - Chancel Choir

### Day By Day

St. Richard of Chichester | K. Lee Scott

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## SERMON - Mark

*Family Changes Everything*

**CLOSING HYMN #277 *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus***

1. Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.
2. First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,  
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;  
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
all in the love-light of Jesus' face.
3. Into the city I'd follow the children's band,  
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;  
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing  
loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

**Tell Me The Stories Of Jesus (Stories Of Jesus)**  
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**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE - Hani**

**Martial Air**  
Henry Purcell  
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