



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

February 16, 2025

## PRELUDE - Hani

**Air**

G. F. Handel

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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

**All:** **May we learn to depend on God's abundant provision instead of the world's grasping for wealth as we worship today.**

**Leader:** Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled."

**All:** **May we learn to follow Christ's call to provide for the hungry as co-creators of God's kingdom as we worship today.**

**Leader:** Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

**All:** **May we learn to pay attention to those who suffer and mourn and to extend God's comfort and hope to those who need it as we worship today.**

**Leader:** Jesus declared, "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man."

**All:** **May our worship teach us to rejoice in that day and every day as we live out the good news in our families, neighborhoods, community, and world!**

*(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)*

**OPENING HYMN #174** *His Name Is Wonderful* (sing 2 times)

His name is wonderful,  
his name is wonderful,  
his name is wonderful,  
Jesus, my Lord.  
He is the mighty King,  
Master of everything;  
his name is wonderful,  
Jesus, my Lord.  
He's the great Shepherd,  
the Rock of all ages,  
almighty God is he;  
bow down before him,  
love and adore him,  
his name is wonderful,  
Jesus, my Lord.

**His Name Is Wonderful**

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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 - James****As The Deer**

Martin Nystrom

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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, who blesses us in our brokenness and rejoices with us in our joy, we bring these gifts as an offering of hope and love. May they be used to heal the hurting, feed the hungry, and welcome the weary. Help us to be a community that reflects your kingdom, where all find acceptance and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*(Luke 6:17-26)*

## SCRIPTURE [Jeremiah 17:5-10 \(NRSV\)](#)

- 5 Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.
- 6 They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.  
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.
- 7 Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.
- 8 They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.
- 9 The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?
- 10 I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

*Response*

The Word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem – Chancel Choir**

**Softly and Tenderly**  
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**SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee**

*Test the Mind and Search the Heart*

**CLOSING HYMN #467 Trust and Obey (v. 1, 2, 4)**

1. When we walk with the Lord  
in the light of his word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will,  
he abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.

*Refrain*

Trust and obey,  
for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus,  
but to trust and obey.

2. Not a burden we bear,  
not a sorrow we share,  
but our toil he doth richly repay;  
not a grief or a loss,  
not a frown or a cross,  
but is blest if we trust and obey.

*Refrain*

4. Then in fellowship sweet  
we will sit at his feet,  
or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
what he says we will do,  
where he sends we will go;  
never fear, only trust and obey.

*Refrain*

**When We Walk With The Lord (Trust And Obey)**

Daniel Brink Towner | John Henry Sammis

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE - Hani**

**Marche Triomphale**

Bruce Steane

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