



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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## PRELUDE - Hani

**Great is Our God**

Arr. Dale Wood

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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Be still for a moment. What do you hear? What do you smell? What do you feel under your feet? Beloved, God is here.

**All:** **In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.**

**Leader:** Take a moment to look around. Whom do you notice? Who isn't here that you expected to see? Whether this community feels brand new or familiar to you, God is here.

**All:** **In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.**

**Leader:** Take a deep breath. We share this air, this space, this worship home together. In our breathing and worshipping in this time and place, God is here.

**All:** **In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.**

**Leader:** God is here. May we pay attention and discern how God brings us together in the familiar and the unfamiliar to be and become the Body of Christ.

**All:** **May we notice and join in God's work of forming us for community as we worship today. Amen.**

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

## OPENING HYMN #144 *This Is My Father's World*

1. This is my Father's world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees,  
of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world,  
the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world:  
he shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world.  
O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King;  
let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

### **This Is My Father's World (Terra Beata)**

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## **THANKSGIVING FOR LAY MINISTRIES IN MISSIONS**

**Leader:** Today, as the body of Christ, we celebrate and honor the ministries of the laity in our congregation. Through your service, God's love is made visible, and Christ's mission is carried forward in our church and community.

As I name each area of ministry, I invite those who participate to stand so we can recognize and celebrate your dedication:

**Outreach Lunch Ministry:** Extending Christ's compassion by feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, and welcoming the stranger into our midst.

**Caring Ministry:** Offering comfort, presence, and hope to those in grief, illness, or loneliness, reflecting the care of Christ.

**Care Card Ministry:** Sending handwritten notes that bring encouragement, connection, and joy to recipients near and far.

**Prayer Quilt Ministry:** Crafting quilts filled with prayer and love, providing comfort and warmth to those in need.

**Navarro's Missionary Support:** Giving your generous support of the Rev. Alma Navarro and the Rev. Richard Navarro in their missionary work in Taiwan.

**United Women in Faith:** Advocating for and supporting women, children, and youth through mission and study, both locally and globally.

**Commitment to Apportionments:** Strengthening our connection to the global Church and supporting its mission to serve others in Christ's name.

**Other Lay Ministries:** Serving through teaching, hospitality, prayer, music, and countless unseen acts of kindness and service.

**PASTOR:** The mission of God's Church is made possible through the faithful and selfless service of many. It is not the work of one but the collective offering of lay and clergy alike, united as the body of Christ. Today, we celebrate and honor the laity whose ministries reflect Christ's love and bring hope to the world.

**CONGREGATION:** We give thanks for each of you who faithfully serve in mission and ministry. Your dedication, gifts, and love make God's presence known among us and beyond.

**PASTOR:** From caring for the grieving and supporting the vulnerable, to crafting quilts of prayer, sending notes of encouragement, advocating for justice, and extending compassion to our neighbors, your ministries touch lives in meaningful ways and glorify God.

**CONGREGATION:** To those who serve behind the scenes—coordinating, organizing, and ensuring every detail is carried out with care—we honor your efforts and give thanks for your steadfast service.

**PASTOR:** Through your ministry, the world sees the love of Christ in action. You inspire us to serve with joy and purpose, bringing light to those in need.

**CONGREGATION:** Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and hearts to build up God's kingdom. May the Lord bless and strengthen you in all that you do.

**TOGETHER:** Thanks be to God

## **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

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman

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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

Generous God, who turns water into wine and scarcity into abundance, we offer our gifts to you with grateful hearts. May these offerings be transformed, just as you transform our lives with your grace. Guide us to use these resources to meet the needs we see around us, to share your love, and to build your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*(John 2:1-11)*

## SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NRSV)

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

### *Response*

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

### **Anthem – Chancel Choir**

#### **The Potter's Hand**

Darlene Zschech | Lloyd Larson

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### **SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee**

*Activated by One and the Same Spirit*

### **CLOSING HYMN #338 Where He Leads Me (v. 1, 4)**

1. I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
“Take thy cross and follow, follow me.”

#### *Refrain*

Where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow;  
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

4. He will give me grace and glory,  
he will give me grace and glory,  
he will give me grace and glory,  
and go with me, with me all the way.

#### *Refrain*

**Where He Leads Me (Norris)**

Edward W. Blandy | John Samuel Norris  
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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE - Hani**

**Trumpet Tune on “Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah” (Psalm 146)**

Larry Visser

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