



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

Morning Reverie

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up the mountain and pray. Will you come?

All: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Leader: Will you follow when Christ's glory overwhelms your senses, and you sit astounded at God's greatness?

All: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Leader: Will you follow when Jesus won't let you stay on the mountaintop, insisting that you return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?

All: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Leader: Disciples, come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and in the eyes of our neighbors.

All: Come, let us worship God, whose glory shimmers all around us, even now!

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #357 *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* (v. 1-3)

1. Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,

Refrain

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,

Refrain

3. Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,

Refrain

Just As I Am

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God, you call us to step more deeply into ourselves as we amend and awaken to who you desire us to be. Let us acknowledge our transgressions in stillness and in silence so that may prepare our hearts for change.

(Moment of silence)

All: We confess that we have not always brought forth good fruit. In the midst of chaos and frenzy, we have often lost our way. Our feet have strayed from the place where we met you. Our egos have kept us from noticing our missteps; Yet, with you, we know there's another chance for change. There is another opportunity to bear good fruit in a world full of spoiled and rotten produce and systems designed to kill, we are called to be the change that sustains generations. Let us lean with you into this chance for transformation.

(Words of Assurance)

Leader: God's grace and mercy abounds. God is with us in the change. God's everlasting arms embrace us. Each of us is beloved, affirmed, and set free.

All: Amen.

(Adapted from Rev. Mia M. McClain on the Worship Ways site of the United Church of Christ)

HOLY COMMUNION - The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 15

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...The pastor concludes:

And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...The pastor concludes:

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

The pastor concludes:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.
now and for ever.

Amen.

HYMN #357 *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* (v. 4-6)

4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need in thee to find,

Refrain

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,

Refrain

6. Just as I am, thy love unknown
hath broken every barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,

*Refrain***Just As I Am**

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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 - Hani**Softly and Tenderly**

Lani Smith

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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)

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Glorious God, who reveals the light of your presence, we bring these gifts as a testament to your transforming power. Jesus was transfigured before his disciples; transform us to reflect your love and grace. Use these offerings to shine your light in the world, bringing hope and healing. In the name of your beloved Son, we pray. Amen.

(Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a])

SCRIPTURE Luke 14:25-33 (NRSV)

25 Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, 26 “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ 31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Response

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir

How Beautiful

Twila Paris | Arr. Lloyd Larson

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

The Cost of Discipleship

CLOSING HYMN #571 *Go, Make of All Disciples* (v. 1, 4)

1. "Go, make of all disciples."
We hear the call, O Lord,
that comes from thee, our Father,
in thy eternal Word.
Inspire our ways of learning
through earnest, fervent prayer,
and let our daily living
reveal thee everywhere.

4. "Go, make of all disciples."
We welcome thy command.
"Lo, I am with you always."
We take thy guiding hand.
The task looms large before us;
we follow without fear;
in heaven and earth thy power
shall bring God's kingdom here.

Go, Make of All Disciples

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