



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

February 26, 2023

PRELUDE - Hani

Adagio Vesperale

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WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

People: We are learning to follow Jesus.

Leader: For those who feel Christ near.

People: May we not turn away from the discomfort of the journey ahead.

Leader: For those who feel as far from Christ as the desert is from the ocean,

People: May we find Christ in the wilderness with us.

Leader: For all of us who stumble and fall in our silence, indifference, and lack of generosity,

People: May we reach for the hand of Christ, who raises us up to continue on the journey.

Leader: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

People: We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

(Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts)

OPENING HYMN #140 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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PASTOR'S TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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 - P.A.L.A. Singers

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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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, as we remember Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, we acknowledge the temptation that pursues so many of us: to measure our worth, our power and our security by what we have. As we offer these gifts to you this morning, we pray that you might deliver us from the temptation of building our lives around what belongs to us. Continually lead us to the conviction that what matters is that we belong to you. We pray in the name of our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

(Matthew 4:1-11)

SCRIPTURE [Matthew 4:4 \(NRSV\)](#)

But he answered, "It is written,
 'One does not live by bread alone,
 but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Anthem - Chancel Choir**Lenten Meditation**

Jay Althouse

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SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee

MESSAGE *Apology No. 1 - I Am Sorry*
(Based on The Five Languages of Apology)

CLOSING HYMN #377 *It Is Well with My Soul* (v. 1, 3, 4)

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It Is Well With My Soul

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - Hani

Hornpipe

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