



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

Morning Reverie

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WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Protect us, O God, for in you we take refuge;

People: **Let us say to God, "You are our Lord; we have no good apart from you."**

Leader: Today, we come to worship God in truth and turn away from worshiping the idols all around us.

People: **God delights in our sincere worship, but sorrow visits those who give their worship to idols.**

Leader: We bless the Lord who gives counsel, who instructs our hearts in the secret of the night.

People: **We keep the Lord always before us so that we shall not be moved from God's ways.**

Leader: Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest secure,

People: **Because God keeps us from destruction in this life and the next.**

Leader: God shows us the path of life,

People: **And in God's presence is the fullness of joy forevermore.**

Leader: And so, we say to God,

People: **"You are our Lord; we have no good apart from you." Amen.**

(Adapted from Psalm 16 NRSVue by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #162 Alleluia, Alleluia

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.

Refrain

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

Refrain

3. We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.

Refrain

4. Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior.

Refrain

Alleluia No. 1 (Alleluia Alleluia Give Thanks)

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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.

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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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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy and loving God, you treat us not like the stern disciplinarian but like the forgiving parent who runs to embrace us when we've rebelled or disappointed. Your mercy gives us the opportunities to try again, to return into your grace, to pick ourselves up and brush ourselves off. You forget how many strikes we have against us but invite us back into the inheritance you desire for us. May our offering this day reflect our gratitude. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

(1 Peter 1:3-9)

SCRIPTURE Galatians 6:1-10 (NRSV)

1 My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. 4 All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. 5 For all must carry their own loads.

6 Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

7 Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. 8 If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9 So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. 10 So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

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

Whatever You Sow, You Will Reap

CLOSING HYMN #419 *I Am Thine, O Lord* (v. 1, 2, 4)

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine.

Refrain

4. There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with thee.

Refrain

I Am Thine O Lord (I Am Thine)

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - Hani

Grand Toccata

Gerald Peterson

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