



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

Pastorale

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WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

(Adapted from "A Native American Interpretation of the 23rd Psalm")

Leader: The GREAT FATHER above a SHEPHERD CHIEF is.

People: **I am His and with Him I want not.**

Leader: He throws out to me a rope, and the name of the rope is love and He draws me to where the grass is green

People: **and the water is not dangerous, and I eat and lie down and am satisfied.**

Leader: Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down but He lifts me up again and draws me into a good road.

People: **His name is WONDERFUL.**

Leader: Some time, it may be very soon, it may be a long, long time, He will draw me into a valley.

People: **It is dark there, but I'll be afraid not, for it is between those mountains that the SHEPHERD CHIEF will meet me and the hunger that I have in my heart all through life will be satisfied.**

Leader: Sometimes he makes the love rope into a whip,

People: **but afterwards, He gives a staff to lean upon.**

Leader: He spreads a table before me with all kinds of foods.

People: **He puts His hand upon my head and all the "tired" is gone.**

Leader: My cup he fills till it runs over.

People: **What I tell is true. I lie not.**

Leader: These roads that are "away ahead" will stay with me through this life and after;

People: **and afterwards, I will go to live in the Big Teepee and sit down with the SHEPHERD CHIEF forever. Amen.**

(This interpretation of Psalm 23 was taken down by Isabel Crawford, a late nineteenth-century Baptist missionary to the Kiowa Indians in Oklahoma.)

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 - Singing with the Congregation

Lord I lift your name on high
Lord I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you're in my life
I'm so glad you came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift your name on high.

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Rick Founds

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I've got peace like a river (3x) in my soul

I've got peace like a river (3x) in my soul

I've got joy like a fountain

I've got love like an ocean

I've Got Peace Like a River

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Jesus loves me this I know

For the Bible tells me so

Little ones to Him belong

They are weak but He is strong

Yes Jesus loves me (3x)

The Bible tells me so.

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

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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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OFFERTORY MUSIC - Josh

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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

Caring and compassionate God, we feel like we have been through so much. Battered by division, perceived by some as too judgmental and by others as too accommodating, and we know our witness to the world has suffered. Bless the gifts we give and help them to be used to sow seeds of kindness, healing, hope, and justice. When we as a church falter, remind us that Christ, our Good Shepherd, never falters. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

(1 Peter 2:19-25)

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:43-47 (NRSV)

43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceedsa to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at homea and ate their food with glad and generousb hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Anthem - Chancel Choir

Let There Be Singing
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SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee

*A Conversation with Nonoy: Acts 2 Church
with Rene*

CLOSING HYMN #545 *The Church's One Foundation* (v. 1, 4, 5)

1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious,
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

The Church's One Foundation (Aurelia)
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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE - Hani**

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Theodore Dubois
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