



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

Pilgrim's Song

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WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

(Psalm 66)

Leader: Transforming God, you have taken the world's darkness and re-created a world filled with the joy of light and hope.

People: **Come and hear the good news of God's love for all creation.**

Leader: Restoring God, you have turned defeat into sudden victory, and re-created a world filled with the joy of peace and shalom.

People: **Come and hear the good news of God's awesome powers.**

Leader: Renewing God, we respond to your mighty deeds with songs of praise, worship and thankful prayers. You alone are God!

People: **Come and hear the good news of God's blessings on us all. Glory and honor, power and dominion belong to God alone. Amen.**

(Written by Joan Stott, From Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #88 *Maker, In Whom We Live*

1. Maker, in whom we live,
in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive
for thy creating love.

Let all the angel throng
give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song
and echoes to the sky.

2. Incarnate Deity,
let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee
for thy redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners showed
ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, "Salvation to our God,
salvation to the Lamb!"

3. Spirit of Holiness,
let all thy saints adore
thy sacred energy, and bless
thine heart-renewing power.
Not angel tongues can tell
thy love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable,
the beatific sight.

4. Eternal, Triune God,
let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record
and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled
before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made
thine everlasting praise.

Maker, in Whom We Live

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PASTOR'S TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S PRAISE - Rejoice Singers

You Are My Sunshine

Charles Mitchell | Jimmie Davis
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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.

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY MUSIC - Josh

A River Flows in You

Yiruma

Unknown

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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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God and author of our existence; our story is part of a greater story, and your hand is visible on every page and every scene. So too our stories cannot be disconnected from those in the past who have shaped the steps we take – saints and sinners, rebels and followers. They are part of our story as we are part of theirs. As we offer gifts this day, we pray they might be used to strengthen the story of faith that will be told by those who will come after we are gone. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

(1 Peter 3:13-22)

SCRIPTURE 1 John 4:7-11 (NRSV)

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

Anthem - Chancel Choir**Open the Eyes of My Heart**

Paul Baloche, Arr. Jim Lucas

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SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee

Everyone Who Loves Is Born of God

CLOSING HYMN #384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (v. 1, 4)

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Love Divine (Beecher)

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POSTLUDE - Hani

God, the Almighty

Gary Davidson

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