



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

May 21, 2023

*Heritage Sunday - Centennial Celebration*

## PRELUDE - Hani

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** We gather today to celebrate one hundred years of mission and ministry in this faith community.

**People:** **Creator God, may we continue to bear witness to your Love!**

**Leader:** We give you thanks for the Saints before us who have prayed, worshipped, studied, and given of themselves as missionaries.

**People:** **Living God, may we continue to bear witness to your Grace and Peace!**

**Leader:** May we continue to be a reflection of the faith of those who have prepared the way for us.

**People:** **Eternal God, may we continue to bear witness to the hope and joy that we find in you!**

**Leader:** We open our lives to this moment, realizing that your spirit has led us to this place and that it is your Spirit calling us into the future.

**All:** **As you have blessed us in the past, bless us today and in all the days to come. May we be found faithful to your love by those who come after us. In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord we pray, Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN #77 *How Great Thou Art*

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

### *Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

*Refrain*

3. And when I think that God, his son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin;

*Refrain*

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God how great thou art!

*Refrain*

**How Great Thou Art**

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

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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**

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 - Marshall and Richard**

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

William Runyan, arr. Thomas Chisholm

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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)  
Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken  
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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Almighty and forgiving God, we your unworthy servants give you most humble thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness, to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Give us such an awareness of your mercies, that our hearts may be thankful, and that we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*(The Book of Common Prayer)*

## PASTOR'S TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### CHILDREN'S PRAISE - Rejoice Singers

Shine Jesus Shine  
Graham Kendrick  
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### OUR CENTENNIAL JOURNEY - Rev. Joanne Satterburg

#### Anthem - Chancel Choir

Here I Am, Lord  
Daniel Schutte, arr. Mark Hayes  
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**READING OF CLERGY APPOINTED TO THIS CHURCH - Bill Lazarte****SPECIAL MUSIC - Rachelle and Leah****Amazing Grace**

John Newton  
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**RECOGNITION OF OUR LONG-TIME MEMBERS - Rev. Jacob Lee****THANKSGIVING**

Eternal and loving God, we give thanks to you for your goodness through all the years of worship and witness in this place. For your grace in calling us to be your people, for your love revealed to us in Christ your Son, for your gift of the Spirit and the joy of salvation.

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For those who established this congregation, for their faith and vision, for their gifts and abilities:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For all who have been members of this congregation, for those who have given freely of their time and money, for those whose wisdom guided our congregation:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For all who have preached and taught here; for all who have confessed here that Jesus is Lord; for all who today lead in worship, witness, and service:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

Give us the assurance that we too belong to that great company, and that we too may find the peace that passes understanding; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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**SCRIPTURE John 17:1-11 (NRSV)**

1 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus

Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

6 “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

### *Response*

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God**

### **Anthem - Chancel Choir**

#### **Let There Be Peace on Earth**

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

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### **SERMON - Rev. Mark M. Nakagawa, West District Superintendent**

*Glory!*

### **CLOSING HYMN #553 *And Are We Yet Alive***

1. And are we yet alive,  
and see each other's face?  
Glory and thanks to Jesus give  
for his almighty grace!

2. Preserved by power divine  
to full salvation here,  
again in Jesus' praise we join,  
and in his sight appear.

3. What troubles have we seen,  
what mighty conflicts past,  
fightings without, and fears within,  
since we assembled last!

4. Yet out of all the Lord  
hath brought us by his love;  
and still he doth his help afford,  
and hides our life above.

5. Then let us make our boast  
of his redeeming power,  
which saves us to the uttermost,  
till we can sin no more.

6. Let us take up the cross  
till we the crown obtain,  
and gladly reckon all things loss  
so we may Jesus gain.

**And Are We Yet Alive (Dennis)**

Charles Wesley | Johann Hans Georg Nageli

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE - Hani**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Arr. Pierce Dickens

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