



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

Meditation on "Vernon"

Arr. Steven Scott

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WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Welcome, you who are called as disciples of Christ! Is anything too wonderful for our God?

People: **Nothing is too wonderful for God who saves us and calls us!**

Leader: We remember the goodness of God who promised Abraham a multitude of descendants and then showed up at Abraham's door to announce that the promise would be fulfilled.

People: **Nothing is too wonderful for God who promises and fulfills promises!**

Leader: We remember the compassion of Jesus who noticed the distress of his neighbors and acted to bring them healing and wholeness.

People: **Nothing is too wonderful for God who heals and restores the distressed!**

Leader: We remember the invitation the Spirit extends to us to join in God's work of compassionate community building.

People: **Nothing is too wonderful for God who empowers us to transform strangers into community through active love.**

Leader: As we worship, may we receive the promise, the compassion, and the invitation to be disciples of Christ who join in God's work of making disciples for the transformation of our households, our community, and our world.

People: **Because nothing is too wonderful for our God! Amen.**

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #139 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (v. 1, 2, 3, 5)

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning
bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds
all, whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

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PASTOR'S TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC - *Rejoice Singers*

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

Refrain 2

Great is Thy faithfulness Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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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 - Marshall**Lift Every Voice and Sing**

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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

Mighty God, with your powerful arms, hold up your church! We are struggling through tough times in our churches; we need to be renewed again and filled with your power. Reach inside us and open hearts wide that we might give the full measure of our devotion. As you revived the saints who came before us, revive us to go out and welcome the forgotten, heal the sick, speak the words of comfort and hope to the discouraged. In the holy name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

(Matt 9:35-10:8 (9-23))

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 12:7-13 (NRSV)

7 Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? 8 If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. 9 Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share his holiness. 11 Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

12 Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem - Chancel Choir

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Paul Baloche, Arr. Jim Lucas

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SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee

Discipline

CLOSING HYMN # *I Know Whom I Have Believed* (v. 1-3)

1. I know not why God's wondrous grace
to me he hath made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
redeemed me for his own.

Refrain

But I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day.

2. I know not how this saving faith
to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his word
wrought peace within my heart.

Refrain

3. I know not how the Spirit moves,
convincing us of sin,
revealing Jesus through the word,
creating faith in him.

Refrain**I Know Whom I Have Believed**

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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE - Hani****The Awakening**

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