



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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Celebrating the Life of **RICHARD KAZUO NISHIMURA**

PRELUDE - Hani

“Andante Religioso” from Organ Sonata No.4, op65.

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THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

“We give him back to you, Lord, who gave him first to us. As you did not lose him in the giving, so we do not lose him in the taking. For love is eternal, life is immortal. And what we sometimes call Death is only a horizon, and a horizon is nothing, only the limit of our vision.”

(Edited, Bede Jarrett, OP)

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

GREETING

WORDS OF GRACE

HYMN OF PRAISE #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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PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 23 (NRSV)

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
- 3 he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

- 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

- 5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

NAMING OF LIFE – Tim Tsukamoto**HYMN OF ASSURANCE #191** *Jesus Loves Me*

1. Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! This I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying “Let them come to me.”

Refrain

3. Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live.

*Refrain***Jesus Loves Me**

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GOSPEL READING *Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV)*

28 “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

WORDS OF FAITH - Rev. Jacob Lee**EULOGY** - Scott Nishimura**WITNESS OF REMEMBRANCE** - Friends and family**HYMN OF COMFORT #707** *Hymn of Promise*

1. In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Hymn Of Promise

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BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - Hani

Processional in G Major

John Stanley

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