



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

September 24, 2023

PRELUDE - Hani

O For The Wings of A Dove

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WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Come! Now is the time to worship!

People: We come to worship God who provides!

Leader: When the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, God provided manna and quail.

People: God provides in unexpected ways.

Leader: Jesus tells a story of vineyard workers, some who work all day and some who work mere hours, yet the generous landowner paid all of them equally.

People: God provides in unexpected ways.

Leader: God does provide in unexpected ways, yet manna, quail, and grapes need gathering and harvesting.

People: We respond to God's provision by gathering and harvesting all that God provides.

Leader: Come! Now is the time to worship!

People: We come to worship and partner with God who provides for the long haul!

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, 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

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 - P.A.L.A. Singers

When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder

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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

God of endless patience, we know that the sound of our complaining is not the music that pleases your ears. We complain about the food that is under or overcooked, and you hear the stomachs that have no food. We whine about the bed being too soft, and you see instead those whose bed is the sidewalk or the floor of a cell. May the offering we bring today be an act of praise that drowns out the noise of our complaining. May it find its way to bring comfort to your children who have little or nothing; and when that happens, may it be joy for your eyes and ears. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

(Exodus 16:2-15; Matthew 20:1-16)

SCRIPTURE John 13:12-20 (NRSV)

12 After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. 14 So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. 15 For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16 Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. 17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. 18 I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, ‘The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’ 19 I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. 20 Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.”

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir

“Three Blessings” I: An Irish Blessing; II: With Your Blessing; III: The Lord Bless and Keep You

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

Blessed Are Those... (4) Be a Blessing to Others

CLOSING HYMN #374 *Standing on the Promises.* (v. 1, 3, 4)

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

Standing, standing
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing
I'm standing on the promises of God.

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

Standing On The Promises (Promises)

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - Hani

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