



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

November 26, 2023

PRELUDE - Hani

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WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to God!

People: We give thanks for the gift of warm bread, the smell of dinner cooking in the oven, and the joy of gathering around a table together.

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to God!

People: We give thanks for all the times God has made a way out of no way, providing for us in body and spirit just when we need it.

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to God!

People: We give thanks for the ways God weaves us together as a community of love and care, supporting one another in the ebbs and flows of daily life.

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with grateful praise!

People: Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #162 Alleluia, Alleluia (v. 1, 2, 4)

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.

Refrain

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

Refrain

4. Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior.

Refrain

Alleluia No. 1 (Alleluia Alleluia Give Thanks)

Donald E. Fishel

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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.

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

God of abundance, as we bring gifts to your altar, we confess that we have wallowed in scarcity thinking. We worry that we might not have enough – not just in our own lives but also as part of your church eternal. Our scarcity thinking has sentenced us to think small in what we can do and moved us to believe in the dark corners of our consciousness that you are somehow limited. Forgive us when we have been afraid to believe that you have enough to meet every need the world had in the past, has now and will have in the future. As witnesses of Christ's abundant love, we pray. Amen.

(John 6:5-23)

SCRIPTURE Philippians 4:4-7 (NRSV)

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem - Chancel Choir

O God, Beyond All Praising

from Gustavo Holst, *The Planets*, 1918

Arr. Dan Forrest

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SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee

Every Day Should Be Thanksgiving Day

CLOSING HYMN FWS #2036 Give Thanks (sing 2 times)

Chorus

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ His Son.

Verse

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Chorus

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Give thanks

(repeat from top)

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE - Hani****Christ the Redeemer**

Tom Birchwood

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