



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

Come, Sweet Peace of God

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WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Living Word, whose love abides in us, You call us to love in truth and action. Give courage to our hearts so we may love your beloveds. Open our ears to the wisdom of those you send, who might otherwise be dismissed. Transform our charity into justice over all the earth. Amen.

(Written by Rev. Laurie Bayen, Windsor Community UMC, Pacific Northwest Annual Conference; and Rev. Laura Baumgartner, Haller Lake UMC, California-Nevada Annual Conference)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How shall we live when we have more than enough?

People: We have no greater praise to offer than caring for your creatures and Creation.

Leader: The earth is our teacher – nurturing and tender.

People: In this hour, O God, nourish us in the soil of your love.

All: Let us worship God, the Ground of all Being.

(Written by Rev. Paul Mitchell, Pioneer United Methodist Church, WA, Pacific Northwest Annual Conference)

OPENING HYMN #327 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

Crown Him With Many Crowns (Diademata)

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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 - Megumi

Partita No. 1. BWV 825 Praaeludium
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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

Gracious Provider, we gather with hearts filled with gratitude for the love and light you've shown us. Your Word reminds us that true love is seen in the self-sacrifice of Christ. As we offer our tithes and offerings, we are reminded of the importance of generosity and stewardship in every aspect of our lives. May these gifts be a reflection of the love we have experienced in Christ and our commitment to steward them faithfully for the work of your kingdom. Use these offerings to bring justice, mercy, and hope to a world in need. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

(1 John 3:16-24)

SCRIPTURE Psalm 136:1-11 (NRSV)

- 1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- 2 O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- 3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 4 who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- 5 who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

- 6 who spread out the earth on the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
7 who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
8 the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
9 the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
10 who struck Egypt through their firstborn,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
11 and brought Israel out from among them,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir

How Beautiful

Twila Paris; Arr. Lloyd Larson

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

Gratitude Becomes Power and Strength

CLOSING HYMN #2036 FWS Give Thanks

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.

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."

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Let the poor say, "I am rich,
because of what the Lord has done for us."

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Give thanks!

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Henry Smith

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - Hani

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Arr. Carolyn Hamlin

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