



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

April 28, 2024

## PRELUDE - Hani

### Dance of the Blessed Spirits

C. W. Gluck

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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

**People: We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.**

Leader: We are branches of the Vine—sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

**People: We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.**

Leader: When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

**People: We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.**

Leader: Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?

**People: We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work, and build community with God and one another. Amen.**

*(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)*

## OPENING HYMN #152 *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

1. I sing the almighty power of God,  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad,  
and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at God's command,  
and all the stars obey.

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord,  
who filled the earth with food,  
who formed the creatures thru the Word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,  
where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky.

3. There's not a plant or flower below,  
but makes thy glories known,  
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
by order from thy throne;  
while all that borrows life from thee  
is ever in thy care;  
and everywhere that we can be,  
thou, God, art present there.

### **I Sing The Almighty Power Of God (Forest Green)**

Isaac Watts | Ralph Vaughan Williams

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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.**

### **When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder**

James Milton Black

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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)**

Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, as we offer our gifts today, we reflect on the wisdom in the words from John's gospel. In this imagery, we recognize our role as branches, connected to you, the source of our strength and vitality. Help us stay rooted in your love, producing fruit that brings glory to your name. May these gifts signify our commitment to abide in your teachings and work joyfully in response to your love. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*(John 15:1-8)*

## SCRIPTURE Isaiah 55:1-5 (NRSV)

- 1 Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
    come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
    come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
    without money and without price.
- 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
    and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
    and delight yourselves in rich food.
- 3 Incline your ear, and come to me;  
    listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
    my steadfast, sure love for David.
- 4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
    a leader and commander for the peoples.
- 5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
    and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
    for he has glorified you.

### *Response*

The Word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem - Chancel Choir

### **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

Sebastian Temple | Arr. Mark Hayes

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**SERMON** – Rev. Jacob Lee*Listen, Come and See***CLOSING HYMN #454** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* (v. 1, 2)

1. Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

**Open My Eyes That I May See (Open My Eyes)**

Clara H. Fiske Scott

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**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE** – Hani**March HWV76. No.6**

G. F. Handel

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