



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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## PRELUDE - Hani

**Great is our God**

Arr. Dale Wood

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## WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

**Leader:** People of God, welcome! Surely God is in this place!

**People:** We come to worship and to rest in God's presence.

**Leader:** Breathe deep for the goodness of God surrounds us.

**People:** The Holy One who sustains the universe is near.

**Leader:** When we are tired, worn down, and carrying heavy burdens, God is with us.

**People:** God strengthens us that we might help carry one another's burdens.

**Leader:** So, let us join together in wonder and thanksgiving for God's love that lifts us up on wings like eagles.

**People:** Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

## OPENING HYMN #116 *The God of Abraham Praise* (v. 1, 2)

1. The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of love;  
Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

2. The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle wings up-borne, to heaven ascend.  
I shall behold God's face; I shall God's power adore,  
and sing the wonders of God's grace forevermore.

**The God of Abraham Praise**

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**HOLY COMMUNION - The United Methodist Hymnal, page 15****The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*...The pastor concludes:*

And so,  
with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*...The pastor concludes:*

And so,  
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

*The pastor concludes:*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**HYMN #116** *The God of Abraham Praise* (v. 3, 4)

3. The heavenly land I see, with peace and plenty blest;  
a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.

There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

4. The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King!

Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:  
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM, we worship thee!"

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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**

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**OFFERTORY MUSIC - Hani****This Is My Father's World**

Arr. Greg Howlett

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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 power and patience, we gather in worship to wait on your presence and to be filled with your power. Jesus healed with a touch and taught us that you are the source of the true healing that can make us whole. As we take time now in worship to offer our gifts to you, we pray that they might be used to bring healing: of body, of spirit, of broken relationships; healing of a planet that is groaning under our carelessness and greed; healing of a world community that is deeply divided by distrust and self-interest. We pray this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

*(Isaiah 40:21-31, Mark 1:29-39)*

## SCRIPTURE Acts 14:21-28 (NRSV)

21 After they had proclaimed the good news to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, then on to Iconium and Antioch. 22 There they strengthened the souls of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying, "It is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God." 23 And after they had appointed elders for them in each church, with prayer and fasting they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

24 Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. 25 When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. 26 From there they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had completed. 27 When they arrived, they called the church together and related all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles. 28 And they stayed there with the disciples for some time.

### *Response*

The Word of the Lord:  
Thanks be to God.

## **Anthem - Chancel Choir**

### **Worthy Is the Lamb**

Lloyd Larson

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## **SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee**

*With Prayer and Fasting*

## **CLOSING HYMN #580 *Lead On, O King Eternal* (v. 1, 3)**

1. Lead on, O King eternal,  
the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest  
thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation  
thy grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal,  
we lift our battle song.

3. Lead on, O King eternal,  
we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning  
where'er thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,  
we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might.

### **Lead On O King Eternal (Lancashire)**

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE - Hani**

### **Tuba Tune on Lourdes Hymn**

Luigi Mengoni

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