



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

February 11, 2024

## PRELUDE - Hani

**Andantino**

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## WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

**Leader:** The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**People:** **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth (Psalm 50:1-2).**

**Leader:** God's glory fills the earth, but sometimes we, like Elisha, do not think we are ready to encounter glory.

**People:** **And yet, God's glory showed up anyway.**

**Leader:** Sometimes we are like the disciples who witnessed Jesus' transfiguration and wanted to cling to that one glorious moment.

**People:** **And yet, God called them down from the mountain.**

**Leader:** So, we gather today, some of us feeling ready and some of us feeling wholly unprepared, yet all are called together to worship and to be led by glory out into the world.

**People:** **God, may we perceive your glory all around us, pointing us in the way you would have us go. Amen.**

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

## OPENING HYMN #64 *Holy Holy Holy (Nicaea)*

1. Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning  
our songs shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy!  
Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons,  
blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy!  
All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim  
falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and  
evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy!  
Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man  
thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy;  
there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in  
love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name,  
in earth and sky and seas.  
Holy, holy, holy!  
Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons  
blessed Trinity.

**Holy Holy Holy (Nicaea)**  
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## **PASTOR'S TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC - Rejoice Singers**

**His Banner Over Me Is Love**  
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## 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 - Presenter

### Title

Composer

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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 God, as we remember Christ's transfiguration, we stand in awe of the glimpse of your glory revealed on the mountain. Just as Peter, James, and John witnessed the radiant presence of Christ, we, too, are transformed by your love and grace. As we offer our tithes and offerings, may these gifts reflect the warming light of your love in our lives. Just as Jesus was transfigured before them, may our hearts be transformed, and our actions reflect the love and truth Jesus embodies. Bless our giving and use it to bring your divine light to a world in need. In the name of Jesus, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

*(Mark 9:2-9)*

**SCRIPTURE** Colossians 1:15–20 (NRSV)

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Response*

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem - Chancel Choir****Seek Ye First**

Karen Lafferty | Arr. Douglas Wagner

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**SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee**

*What on Earth Am I (Are We) Here For?*

(Based on The Purpose Driven Life/Church)

**CLOSING HYMN #454** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

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!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

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

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE - Hani**

**Carillon**

Lani Smith

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