



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

January 21, 2024

PRELUDE - Hani

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now
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WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

(Group A - left facing the front / Group B - right facing the front)

Leader: Are you listening? God is doing a new thing! Will you join in?

Group A: Yes! We will follow!

Leader: Listen! Did you miss it? God calls us again to build the kin-dom of heaven.
Will you join in?

Group B: Yes! We will be builders of the kin-dom.

Leader: Wait, did you catch that? Again, God calls us to declare the good news to those in need. Will you join in?

Group A: Yes! We will declare the good news with our voices and our lives.

Leader: And still, God calls. God never quits calling us to live and to give abundant life. Will you join in?

Group B: Yes! We will join with God in sharing the gracious gift of abundant life with the world.

ALL: May we respond to God's loving and persistent call with a loving and persistent yes! A yes for us, a yes for our neighbors, and a yes for our world to be transformed by the good news that God's kin-dom has come near.
Amen.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #88 *Maker, in Whom We Live* (v. 1, 2, 4)

1. Maker, in whom we live,
in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive
for thy creating love.
Let all the angel throng
give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song
and echoes to the sky.

2. Incarnate Deity,
let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee
for thy redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners showed
ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, "Salvation to our God,
salvation to the Lamb!"

4. Eternal, Triune God,
let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record
and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled
before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made
thine everlasting praise.

Maker, in Whom We Live
Charles Wesley | George J Elvey
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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 - Josh

Piano Sonata No. 9 in D major, K311 *Andante con espressione*
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
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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

Generous God, we ask you to bless the gifts we give this morning. We ask that you help grow the trust in us so that we might follow without looking back and we might leave behind more of our old lives to experience more deeply new life in you. Help us to leave our nets on the shore and leave those things that seemed essential before we heard the call, so that we might travel the road you have put before us. In the name of Christ who goes before us and beside us, we pray. Amen.

(Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Mark 1:14-20)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:9-15 (NRSV)

9 “Pray then in this way:
 Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name.
10 Your kingdom come.
 Your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread.
12 And forgive us our debts,
 as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13 And do not bring us to the time of trial,
 but rescue us from the evil one.
14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; 15 but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Response

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir

Open The Eyes of My Heart

Paul Baloche, arr. Jim Lucas

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

Pray, Then, in This Way

CLOSING HYMN #496 *Sweet Hour of Prayer (v. 1, 3)*

1. Sweet hour of prayer!
sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

3. Sweet hour of prayer!
sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet Hour of Prayer

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Hani

Rondeau

Henry Purcell

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