



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

January 28, 2024

## PRELUDE - Hani

**O For The Wings Of A Dove**

F. Mendelssohn

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## WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Leader: We are a community of people—

People: **young, middle-aged, older; diverse in backgrounds, appearances, and gifts—yet celebrating that diversity.**

Leader: Our purpose is to know God—

People: **to know You—sense Your joy—share Your sorrow—Your dream for a world where justice knows no favorite, where all walk in dignity, sensitive to each other's need.**

Leader: Our purpose is to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ—

People: **To reach out and know the wholeness made possible for us by Jesus, even as he restored the broken and the bruised.**

Leader: Our purpose is to develop a creative, supportive fellowship

People: **to share the joys; bear the sorrows; bind the wounds of body and of spirit to become a caring community.**

Leader: Our purpose is to expand concepts of mission—

People: **To confront our preconceived opinions, our prejudices; to extend our areas of concern; to accept responsible action**

Leader: Through participation in the global ministries of the church.

People: **not “over there” alone, but the neighbor in our midst; not “immediate aid” alone, but willingness to help change systems; not “for” but “with”, yet acknowledging the uniqueness of every child of God.**

## OPENING HYMN #419 *I Am Thine, O Lord* (v. 1, 2, 4)

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,  
and it told thy love to me;  
but I long to rise in the arms of faith  
and be closer drawn to thee.

*Refrain*

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to the cross where thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to thy precious, bleeding side.

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,  
by the power of grace divine;  
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
and my will be lost in thine.

*Refrain*

4. There are depths of love that I cannot know  
till I cross the narrow sea;  
there are heights of joy that I may not reach  
till I rest in peace with thee.

*Refrain***I Am Thine O Lord (I Am Thine)**

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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 - P.A.L.A.

### Jesus, You Are Holy

Edward Steele

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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

God of justice, mercy, and compassion; we bring our tithes and offerings to your altar and pray they will be used to make your amazing love known to all. Then, most often we leave and return to our weekday lives, expecting someone else to make that happen. Remind us that your prophets, your leaders, your missionaries, were called and raised up from “among the people.” Help us open our lives and our minds to the possibility that we might be the ones you would call and send. We pray this in the name of Christ, our teacher and our redeemer. Amen.

*(Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Mark 1:21-28)*

## SCRIPTURE [2 Peter 1:5-8 \(NIV, 2011\)](#)

5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Response

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem - Chancel Choir

### How Beautiful

Twila Paris | Arr. Lloyd Larson

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## MESSAGE - Rev. Brenda Simonds

### CLOSING HYMN #593 *Here I Am, Lord* (v. 1, 3)

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

#### *Refrain*

Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord,  
if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

#### *Refrain*

### Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte | Carlton Young

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## BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE - Hani

**Trumpet Tune on “Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah” (Psalm 146)**

Larry Visser

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