



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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## PRELUDE - Hani

### **I Lay My Sins on Jesus**

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## PROCESSIONAL HYMN #159 *Lift High the Cross* (vs. 1)

### *Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.

The hosts of God in unity combine.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

till all the world adore his sacred name.

### *Refrain*

### **Lift High The Cross (Crucifer)**

George William Kitchin | Michael Robert Newbolt | Sydney Hugo Nicholson

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**WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Lenten travelers, the journey is long. Let us take a moment to rest and breathe.

**People:** **Only in God do we find our rest.**

**Leader:** Sometimes the road is easy, and we bask in the warmth of the Light who guides us.

**People:** **Other times the road is hard, and we hide from the Light, afraid for our actions to be made known in public.**

**Leader:** Some Days we delight in the joy of journeying together on this road.

**People:** **Other days we struggle with the temptation to judge and condemn one another as we travel this path.**

**Leader:** Today, let us come into the Light together as we learn to love God and one another through the twists and turns of our Lenten journey.

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

**OPENING HYMN #140 Great Is Thy Faithfulness (v. 1, 3)**

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain*

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness,  
Lord, unto me!

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Refrain***Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Thomas Obediah Chisholm | William Marion Runyan  
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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 - Richard and Marshall

Here I Am, Lord

Daniel Schutte | Arr. Jack Schrader

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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 unwavering love, you have held nothing back in your love for us, not even your Son. How we marvel at that kind of love, and how we long to reflect a portion of that devotion back to you. As we dedicate our offerings to you, lead us away from our tendency to hold back and worry that there will not be enough. Help us to live as the people of love and abundance you have called us to be. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

*(John 3:14-21)*

**SCRIPTURE** Romans 12:1-8 (NRSV)

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8 the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*Response*

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem - Chancel Choir**

**Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You**

Jay Althouse

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**SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee**

*Serving God*

(Based on The Purpose Driven Life/Church)

**CLOSING HYMN #374 Standing on the Promises (v. 1, 4)**

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
standing on the promises of God.

*Refrain*

Standing, standing  
standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
standing on the promises of God.

*Refrain*

**Standing On The Promises (Promises)**

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE - Hani**

**Allegro from Concerto Op. 1/2**

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