



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

March 24, 2024

## PRELUDE - Hani

### Pastorale

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## PROCESSIONAL HYMN #159 *Lift High the Cross* (v. 3)

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

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

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

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

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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**People:** We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

**Leader:** Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

**People:** We wave palm branches in anticipation; we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.

**Leader:** Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**People:** Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

*(Written by Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies)*

**OPENING HYMN #278 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna***

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them  
close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises,  
the simplest and the best.

2. From Olivet they followed  
mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving,  
and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children  
should on his bidding wait.

3. "Hosanna in the highest!"  
that ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer,  
the Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence  
eternally rejoice!

**Hosanna Loud Hosannas (Ellacombe)**

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**SPECIAL MUSIC - Rejoice Singers**

*accompanied by James, piano; Ray, percussion*

**Hosanna**

Carl Tuttle

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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 - Rev. Jacob Lee

O Holy City  
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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

Almighty and everlasting God, as we bring our gifts and lay them at your altar, we remember the crowds in Jerusalem who laid their cloaks on the road, shouting "Hosanna" as Jesus passed. We know they were looking for a Messiah who was different from who you sent Jesus to be – not one of political power and military might, but one who came in compassion and mercy to heal, love, and save. Search our hearts that we might be confident that the Messiah for whom we long is the one you know we need – Jesus Christ, your anointed one, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*(Mark 11:1-11)*

**SCRIPTURE** Deuteronomy 11:1-7 (NRSV)

1 You shall love the LORD your God, therefore, and keep his charge, his decrees, his ordinances, and his commandments always. 2 Remember today that it was not your children (who have not known or seen the discipline of the LORD your God), but it is you who must acknowledge his greatness, his mighty hand and his outstretched arm, 3 his signs and his deeds that he did in Egypt to Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and to all his land; 4 what he did to the Egyptian army, to their horses and chariots, how he made the water of the Red Sea flow over them as they pursued you, so that the LORD has destroyed them to this day; 5 what he did to you in the wilderness, until you came to this place; 6 and what he did to Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab son of Reuben, how in the midst of all Israel the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, along with their households, their tents, and every living being in their company; 7 for it is your own eyes that have seen every great deed that the LORD did.

*Response*

The Word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem - Chancel Choir****On the Road to Jerusalem**

Joseph Martin

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**SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee***What Now?*

(Based on The Purpose Driven Life/Church)

**CLOSING HYMN #571** *Go, Make of All Disciples (v. 1, 4)*

1. "Go, make of all disciples."  
We hear the call, O Lord,  
that comes from thee, our Father,  
in thy eternal Word.  
Inspire our ways of learning  
through earnest, fervent prayer,  
and let our daily living  
reveal thee everywhere.

4. "Go, make of all disciples."  
We welcome thy command.  
"Lo, I am with you always."  
We take thy guiding hand.  
The task looms large before us;  
we follow without fear;  
in heaven and earth thy power  
shall bring God's kingdom here.

### **Go, Make of All Disciples**

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## **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE - Hani**

#### **Hosanna in the Highest**

Tom Birchwood

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