



First United Methodist Church of Torrance

Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, we gather as people who have received new life in Jesus Christ.

All: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

Leader: The world tries to distract us with anxious rumors, worrisome lies, and misleading half-truths.

All: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

Leader: In this place, we gather to remind, remember, and renew our commitment to dwell in the love of Christ.

All: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

Leader: Children of God, come! Let us worship God, who clothes us in new life and renews us in grace.

All: Come, let us worship as we set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #127 *Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (v. 1, 3)

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven,

bread of heaven,

feed me till I want no more;

feed me till I want no more.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises,
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah (Cwm Rhondda)
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and renew us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.

(ASSURANCE OF PARDON)

Leader: Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven. May we be strengthened in all goodness. Since we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

(Adapted from the Presbyterian Church in Canada)

HOLY COMMUNION - UHM p. 15

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...The pastor concludes:

And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...The pastor concludes:

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

The pastor concludes:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.
now and for ever.

Amen.

HYMN #431 *Let There Be Peace On Earth*

Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator,
children all are we.
Let us walk with each other
in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me;
let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Jill Jackson | Sy Miller

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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 - Hani

This is My Father's World

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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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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy and ever-present God, you call us to set our minds on things above, to let go of all that weighs us down, and to embrace the new life found in Christ. As we bring these gifts, shape our hearts in generosity, our hands in service, and our minds in faithfulness. May these offerings be used to transform lives, to build up your kingdom, and to reflect your love in this world. Keep us ever mindful that we give because you have first given so abundantly to us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

(Colossians 3:1-11)

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 4:12-16 (NRSV)

12 Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Response

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Congregational Anthem Hymn #299 *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross (Hamburg)

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

What Do We Need? (4) The Manual and The Reference

CLOSING HYMN #600 *Wonderful Words of Life* (v. 1, 3)

1. Sing them over again to me,
wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty
teach me faith and duty.

Refrain

Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

3. Sweetly echo the gospel call,
wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all,
wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior,
sanctify forever.

Refrain

Wonderful Words of Life

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - Hani

March

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