



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

August 17, 2025

## PRELUDE - Josh

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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, for the sake of the joy, we gather...

**All: We gather to worship, to encounter grace, to grow in faith.**

Leader: For the sake of the joy, we proclaim...

**All: We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, the love of God that surrounds us and forms us into a community marked by love for God, self, neighbor, and all creation.**

Leader: For the sake of the joy, we respond...

**All: We respond with our lives, ready to embody our faith as agents of God's already-and-not-yet kingdom.**

Leader: For the sake of the joy, God sends us...

**All: God sends us into the world to meet our neighbors with the defiant joy and persevering love of the gospel today and every day.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Triune God who dwells with us as we gather, proclaim, respond, and go forth from this place.

**All: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

## OPENING HYMN #405 *Seek Ye First*

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, Alleluia!

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, Alleluia!

### **Seek Ye First**

Karen Lafferty

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## A BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND THE SCHOOL YEAR

### TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### 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 – Rachelle and Leah

Nobody Loves Me Like You

Ed Cash | Scott Cash

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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

Enduring and Gracious God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, those who have gone before us and those who walk beside us in faith. As we bring our gifts before you, we offer them in gratitude, knowing that our generosity is part of your ongoing work in the world. Strengthen us to run with perseverance the race set before us, so that through our giving and through our living, we may reflect the joy of Christ and the love that unites all your saints. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*(Hebrews 11:29-12:2)*

**SCRIPTURE** John 3:16 (NRSV)

16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

*Response*

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

**Congregational Anthem UMH #246 (v. 1, 2, 4)****Joy to the World**

George Frideric Handel | Isaac Watts

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**SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee**

*What Do We Need? (Appendix.) Jesus*

**CLOSING HYMN #170 O How I Love Jesus**

1. There is a name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
it sounds like music in my ear,  
the sweetest name on earth.

*Refrain*

O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
because he first loved me!

2. It tells me of a Savior's love,  
who died to set me free;  
it tells me of his precious blood,  
the sinner's perfect plea.

*Refrain*

3. It tells of one whose loving heart  
can feel my deepest woe;  
who in each sorrow bears a part  
that none can bear below.

**There Is A Name I Love To Hear (There Is A Name)**

Frederick Whitfield | Unknown

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE - Josh**

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