



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

August 24, 2025

PRELUDE - Josh

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, we gather today to encounter God.

All: We do not come expecting to be terrified or dismayed but to be welcomed and embraced.

Leader: We gather today to witness the gospel at work among us.

All: We come to join the assembly of the kingdom of God, to learn to live out God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Leader: We gather today to declare our faith in God's unshakeable kingdom.

All: We come with grateful hearts, trusting in the secure foundation of God's steadfast love at work among us. Thanks be to God!

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #2036 TFWS Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

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give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong";
Let the poor say, "I am rich,
because of what the Lord has done for us."

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Let the poor say, "I am rich,
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Henry Smith

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TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

SPECIAL MUSIC - Roy Brothers

Shine On Us

Deborah D. Smith | Michael W. Smith

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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 - Bill, Joe, Pastor Jacob, Gary

The Beautiful Garden of Prayer

Eleanor Allen Schroll

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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

Unshakable and Holy God, we bring these gifts before you, not as mere offerings, but as acts of faith in your unshakable kingdom. Though the world around us trembles, we trust in your steadfast love, knowing that in Christ, we are welcomed, transformed, and sent forth to serve. Bless these gifts, that they may be used to build your justice and mercy, bringing hope to the broken and light to the weary. With grateful hearts, we offer ourselves alongside these gifts, that we may be signs of your grace in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(Hebrews 12:18-29)

SCRIPTURE Luke 13:10-17 (NRSV)

10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." 13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. 14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." 15 But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" 17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Response

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Congregational Choir

UMH 700 Abide With Me (v. 1-all, 3-women, 4-men, 5-all)

Abide With Me (Eventide)

Henry Francis Lyte | William Henry Monk
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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

The Truth Will Set You Free

CLOSING HYMN #430 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (v. 1, 2, 4)

1. O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2. Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

4. In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee (Maryton)

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Josh

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