



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

July 6, 2025

## PRELUDE - Hani

**Andante in D Major MWV W6**  
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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** We come this morning full of ourselves:

**All:** **Our concerns, our plans, our opinions, our schedules.**

**Leader:** In this moment, help us empty our minds of the relentless 'I' and make space for you.

**All:** **Enable us to put down our priorities; to set aside our assumptions and schemes.**

**Leader:** Open our hearts to recognize your love in action in our lives.

**All:** **Reassure us of your divine vision, and let us rest in your unending care.**

*(Gil Le Fevre, Sunday Prayers)*

## OPENING HYMN #66 *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* (v. 1, 2, 4)

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to the throne thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor  
to all people in distress;  
praise God, still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and quick to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious now God's faithfulness.

4. Angels in the heights, adoring,  
you behold God face to face;  
saints triumphant, now adoring,  
gathered in from every race.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

**Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven**  
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## **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**All: Holy God, Fountain of all blessing and grace: we confess there are times when we look at our work, at our accomplishments, with prideful ambition as if we were the source of our abilities and gifts. At other times, we look at our efforts with disgust and regret, as if your gifts in us are not enough. Forgive our pride and our despair, Holy God. Renew in us a humble trust in your guiding hand and a hope that your grace is sufficient for every step. Give us the courage to begin again, to jump into a new start with you and one another. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen**

**Leader: Beloved children: Hear and believe the good news, God's mercy and peace are upon you now and always.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION – p. 15 The United Methodist Hymnal**

### ***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.**

## **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 – Josh**

**Danny Boy**

Traditional Irish Ballad (1913)

Fred Ed Weatherly | Arr. Bernard Dewagtere

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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

Compassionate God, who strengthens us for the journey of faith, we bring these gifts in response to your call to sow seeds of love and justice. May our offerings build up the family of faith and extend your grace to the world beyond. Help us not to grow weary in doing good but to serve with joy and perseverance, trusting that the harvest of your Spirit will bear fruit in due season. Unite us as your new creation, made whole through Christ's love and empowered by your Spirit. In gratitude, we dedicate all that we have and all that we are. Amen.

*(Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16)*

## SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 (NRSV)

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. 12 We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. 13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 14 For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. 15 And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. 17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Response*

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem – Chancel Choir

**Come Share God's Gift**

Nancy Price | Don Besig

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**SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee***Be Reconciled To God***CLOSING HYMN #98** *To God Be the Glory* (v. 1, 3)

1. To God be the glory,  
great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world  
that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life  
an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate  
that all may go in.

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father  
thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory,  
great things he hath done!

3. Great things he hath taught us,  
great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing  
thru Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher,  
and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport,  
when Jesus we see.

*Refrain***To God Be The Glory**

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**BENEDICTION**

## POSTLUDE - Hani

### All Creatures of Our God and King

Arr. Pierce Dickens

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