



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance

## Online Church in Worship

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### PRELUDE - Hani

#### Pastoral

Arr. Dale Wood

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### WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, are you listening? Have you noticed? God has planted seeds of hope among us.

**All: We have heard of this hope!**

Leader: Are you listening? Have you noticed? God nurtures hope among us, helping us bear the fruit of faithfulness in this world.

**All: We seek this hope as we learn to live in faith.**

Leader: Are you listening? Have you noticed? The hope of God's good news forms you to love one another with the love of Christ.

**All: We cling to this hope as we grow in love of God, self, neighbor, and all creation.**

Leader: Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God who graciously offers us the gift of hope.

**All: Come, let us worship God who empowers us to put our hope into faithful and loving actions!**

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

### OPENING HYMN #61 *Come, Thou Almighty King* (v. 1, 3, 4)

1. Come, thou almighty King,  
help us thy name to sing,  
help us to praise!  
Father all glorious,  
o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days!

3. Come, holy Comforter,  
thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art,  
now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power!

4. To thee, great One in Three,  
eternal praises be,  
hence, evermore.  
Thy sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity  
love and adore!

**Come Thou Almighty King (Italian Hymn)**  
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## 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 – Hani

**Great is Thy Faithfulness**  
Thomas Chisholm | William M. Runyan | Arr. Greg Howlett  
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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

Gracious and strengthening God, in you, we find the power to endure with patience and the grace to give thanks with joy. As we offer these gifts, may they bear fruit in your kingdom, strengthening the church, uplifting the weary, and sharing the hope we have in Christ. Help us remember that we are not alone but surrounded by the saints of light, past and present. May our generosity reflect your abundant love and our lives proclaim the gospel in word and deed. In Christ's name, we give and rejoice. Amen.

*(Colossians 1:1–14)*

## SCRIPTURE Matthew 14:22–33 (NRSV)

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. 25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." 29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

*Response*

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

## Anthem – Chancel Choir

### Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty | Douglas Wagner

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## SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

*Little Faith?*

## CLOSING HYMN #396 *O Jesus, I Have Promised* (v. 1, 4)

1. O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me,  
my Master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

4. O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be.  
And Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

### O Jesus, I Have Promised

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE – Hani

Suonata Marziale In Tempo Di Marcia

Giovanni Quirici

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