



First United Methodist Church of Torrance

Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

I Love to Tell the Story

Arr. Dale Wood

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, when the journey ahead seems long and hard, full of unknown dangers and all-too-real risks, remember:

All: Keep the faith. God, who made us alive, is our Guardian and Guide.

Leader: When the voices on the side of the road tempt us with their misinformation full of unearned certainty, simple solutions, and quickness to blame and shame those who disagree with them, remember:

All: Stay the course. God, who made us alive, is our Wisdom and Judge.

Leader: When those in power place barriers in our way, making it harder to share the love of God in our communities, trying to convince us it is easier to do nothing than remain firm in God's call to act for the flourishing of all our neighbors, remember:

All: Do not be afraid. God, who made us alive, is our Strength and our Advocate.

Leader: Children of God, come! Let us worship God, whose persistent love empowers us to persevere, to stay the course, to live by faith and not fear.

All: Come, let us worship God, who makes us alive, through grace to love and serve God and one another.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #160 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (v. 1, 3, 4, 5)

1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks and sing.

3. Yes, on through life's long path,
still chanting as ye go;
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe.

Refrain

4. At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their heavenly home,
Jerusalem the blest.

Refrain

5. Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
one God forevermore.

Refrain

Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart (Marion)

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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 – P.A.L.A. Singers**Sometimes Alleluia**

Chuck Girard

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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

Living and redeeming God, in Christ, you have made us fully alive, setting us free from all that would hold us captive. As we bring these gifts, we do so in gratitude, abounding in thanksgiving for your grace. May these offerings be signs of our rootedness in you, bearing fruit for your kingdom. Let them be used to bring hope, healing, and new life to those in need. Keep us steadfast in Christ, walking in faith and filled with the joy of your transforming love. In the name of the one who makes us whole, we pray. Amen.

*(Colossians 2:6–15, (16–19))***SCRIPTURE Psalm 138 (NRSV)**

- 1 I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
- 2 I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your
faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.
- 3 On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
- 6 For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
 you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
 you stretch out your hand,
 and your right hand delivers me.
- 8 The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
 your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
 Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir

Walking in Faith With Our Lord

Nancy Price | Don Besig

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

What Do We Need? (3): Praising from Heart

UMH 140, v. 1

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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UMH 171, solo**There's Something About That Name**

Gloria Gaither | William J. Gaither

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Solo**He Knows My Name**

Tommy Walker

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UMH 377, v.1 and refrain

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

It Is Well With My Soul

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1. Alleluia alleluia

Alleluia alleluia

Alleluia alleluia

Alleluia alleluia

2. I will praise Him alleluia
I will praise Him alleluia
I will praise Him alleluia
I will praise Him alleluia

Alleluia

Jerry Sinclair

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Solo**The Lord's Prayer**

Albert Hay Malotte

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1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

How Great Thou Art

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE - Hani****Grand Toccata**

Gerald Peterson

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