



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

Morning Reverie

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, how majestic is your name! You create, and through creation, we encounter your wisdom and power.

All: How majestic is the name of God, our Creator!

Leader: You redeem, and through Jesus Christ, we encounter your saving love and grace.

All: How majestic is the name of God, our Redeemer!

Leader: You sustain us, and through your Spirit, we encounter your renewing presence.

All: How majestic is the name of God, our Sustainer!

Leader: Come, let us worship the Triune God!

All: We gather to worship God, Three-in-One and One-in-Three!

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #519 *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (v. 1, 3)

1. Lift every voice and sing,
'til earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise
high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song
full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song
full of hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun
of our new day begun,
let us march on 'til victory is won.

3. God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might
led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet
stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest our hearts
drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand,
may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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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.

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OFFERTORY MUSIC – Josh**Here I Am To Worship**

Tim Hughes

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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)

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Majestic and holy God, Creator of all that is seen and unseen, we bring these gifts in awe of Your glory revealed in the heavens and here among us. As we offer these gifts, may they reflect your wisdom and share your love, building a world that proclaims your majesty. Through your Spirit, pour your grace into our lives, that our service may mirror the love You have shown us in Christ, lifting our voices with creation to declare, “How majestic is Your name in all the earth!” In the name of the Holy Trinity, we pray. Amen.

*(Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5)***SCRIPTURE** Psalm 8; John 3:1-17 (NRSV)*Psalm 8*

1 O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants

you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,7 all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

John 3:1-17

1 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." 3 Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

11 "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

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.

17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir**Let There Be Singing**

Dale Wood

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SERMON – Bill Lazarte

Deja Vu

CLOSING HYMN #61 *Come, Thou Almighty King*(v. 1, 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!

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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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE - Hani****Enter His Courts With Praise!**

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