



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

June 29, 2025

## PRELUDE - Hani

**Prelude No.1 in E flat from "12 short preludes"**

Arthur W. Marchant

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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP *(inspired by Mark 5:21-43)*

Leader: With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather:

**All: Come among us, Healing God, with that love which never ends.**

Leader: With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

**All: Come among us, Friend of the broken, with your compassion which makes us whole.**

Leader: With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait:

**All: Come among us, Dryer of our tears, to lift us to our feet to follow you.**

*(Written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies)*

## OPENING HYMN # 2088 TFWS *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (Sing 2 Times)*

Lord, I lift your name on high;

Lord I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life;

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

from the earth to the cross

my debt to pay,

from the cross to the grave,

from the grave to the sky,

Lord I lift your name on high.

## Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Rick Founds

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## BLESSING OF A PRAYER QUILT

### SPECIAL MUSIC - Sofia

#### Goodness Of God

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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 - Josh

#### A River Flows In You

Yiruma

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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

Liberating God, who calls us to true freedom, we offer these gifts as signs of our commitment to live by the Spirit's leading. May our generosity reflect your love that is joyful, peaceful, patient, and kind. Through your grace, may we sow seeds of compassion and justice, nurturing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives and the world. Guide us to use our freedom not for ourselves but for service, so that we may build communities of faith and hope. With thankful hearts, we dedicate ourselves to your transforming work. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

(Galatians 5:1, 13-25)

## SCRIPTURE Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV)

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." 4 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." 8 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

11 and

'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

12 Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*Response*

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

## **Anthem – Chancel Choir**

**Oh, Kind Jesus (Latvian Folk Song)**

Robert Hunter

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## **SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee**

*For Such a Time as This*

## **CLOSING HYMN #2152 TFWS *Change My Heart, O God* (Sing 2 times)**

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

**Change My Heart, O God**

Eddie Espinosa

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE – Hani**

**“Under the double eagle” March Op.159**

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