



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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## PRELUDE - Hani

**Adagio**

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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, you call us from the corners of the Earth.

**All: From the cities and the prairies, from the ghettos and the tables of the wealthy.**

Leader: God, you sing to us from the corners of the universe.

**All: In the gentle ocean breeze, in the colors that burst forth from our landscapes, in the faces of children ravaged by war.**

Leader: God, you speak to us from the corners of the Earth.

**All: To the east, to the west, to the north and to the south, above us, below us, and within us, your voice rings clear.**

**Send your voice to sing in us, we pray, as we worship this day.**

*(Written by Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement)*

## OPENING HYMN #88 *Maker, in Whom We Live* (v. 1, 2)

1. Maker, in whom we live,  
in whom we are and move,  
the glory, power, and praise receive  
for thy creating love.

Let all the angel throng  
give thanks to God on high,  
while earth repeats the joyful song  
and echoes to the sky.

2. Incarnate Deity,  
let all the ransomed race  
render in thanks their lives to thee  
for thy redeeming grace.

The grace to sinners showed  
ye heavenly choirs proclaim,  
and cry, "Salvation to our God,  
salvation to the Lamb!"

**Maker, in Whom We Live**

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: God, you call us to step more deeply into ourselves as we amend and awaken to who you desire us to be. Let us acknowledge our transgressions in stillness and in silence so that may prepare our hearts for change.

*(Moment of silence)*

**All: We confess that we have not always brought forth good fruit. In the midst of chaos and frenzy, we have often lost our way. Our feet have strayed from the place where we met you. Our egos have kept us from noticing our missteps; Yet, with you, we know there's another chance for change. There is another opportunity to bear good fruit in a world full of spoiled and rotten produce and systems designed to kill. We are called to be the change that sustains generations. Let us lean with you into this chance for transformation.**

*(Words of Assurance)*

Leader: God's grace and mercy abounds. God is with us in the change. God's everlasting arms embrace us. Each of us is beloved, affirmed, and set free.

All: Amen.

*(Adapted from Rev. Mia M. McClain on the Worship Ways site of the United Church of Christ)*

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*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.**

**HYMN #357** *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* (v. 4-6)

4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am, thy love unknown  
hath broken every barrier down;  
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**Just As I Am**

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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

#### In the Garden

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)

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### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving Creator, we come together to present our tithes and offerings. We are reminded of the profound love with which you have called us your children. Help us recognize that our generosity and stewardship of the resources you've entrusted to us are a sign of our commitment to this holy transformation. May these offerings we bring today be a reflection of our love for you and our desire to be faithful stewards of your blessings. Bless our giving and guide us in using these gifts wisely. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*(1 John 3:1-7)*

**SCRIPTURE** John 4:10–30 (NRSV)

10 Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” 11 The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” 13 Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” 15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

16 Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” 17 The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” 19 The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” 21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” 25 The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” 26 Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” 28 Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29 “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” 30 They left the city and were on their way to him.

*Response*

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem - Chancel Choir****How Beautiful**

Twila Paris | Arr. Lloyd Larson

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**SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee**

*Jesus and the Woman of Samaria*

**CLOSING HYMN #526** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (v. 1, 3)

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.

**What A Friend We Have In Jesus (Converse)**

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**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE - Hani****Processional on Psalm 150**

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