



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

May 11, 2025

PRELUDE - Hani

After a Dream
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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God of day and darkness moves among us...
All: We are the people of Living Water.
Leader: The God of hope and promise lives among us...
All: We are the people of Living Water.
Leader: The God of the lost and lonely calls us by name...
**All: We are the people bathed in the Living Water of Creation, God's kin,
traveling toward home and a love that will not let us go.**

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

OPENING HYMN #64 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* (v. 1, 2, 4)

1. Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our songs shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons,
blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and
evermore shalt be.

4. Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and seas.
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons
blessed Trinity.

Holy Holy Holy (Nicaea)
John Bacchus Dykes, Reginald Heber
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BLESSING OF PRAYER QUILT

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Lauren, Lucas, Nathan, A.J., Mahala, Joshua

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 - Bill, Joe, Richard, Gary

That Beautiful Land
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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

Redeeming God, the gifts we bring to you this day, we dedicate to the work of kingdom building. Even more, we offer ourselves as material for this work. Imperfect as we are, we know with Christ as the cornerstone, you can build your vision of mercy, justice, peace, and compassion here in our midst. In Christ, our rock and redeemer. Amen.

(1 Peter 2:2-10)

SCRIPTURE John 3:1-16 (NRSV)

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.

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir

Jesus Stood Among Them

Thomas Gieshen

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

Entering the Kingdom of God

CLOSING HYMN TFWs #2152 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

Spiritoso TWV 44:1

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