



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

May 25, 2025

## PRELUDE - Hani

Serenata Veneziana  
Antonio Vivaldi  
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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Family of God, what is our story?

**All: We are part of God's good creation, created and sustained by the Triune God.**

Leader: Family of God, what is our story?

**All: Though created by our loving God, we have sinned and harmed ourselves, one another, and creation.**

Leader: Family of God, what is our story?

**All: While we were yet sinners, God sent Jesus to show us how to turn away from sin and toward the love of God.**

Leader: Family of God, what is our story?

**All: We carry the weight of the Word in our hearts, our hands, and our voices, proclaiming with our lives the good news of God's love and the mercy of God's grace.**

Leader: Family of God, this is our story and our song!

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)*

## OPENING HYMN #400 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.

**Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing**  
John Wyeth | Robert Robinson  
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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.

**I Am**  
Michael W. Smith | L. Wayne Hilliard  
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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

**Merciful God, in this time of offering, we come before you, acknowledging your steadfast grace and boundless love. As we present our gifts, may we also offer our contrite hearts, recognizing the depth of our humanity and the need for your healing touch. Grant us the courage to confront our failings and the wisdom to seek reconciliation and renewal in your divine presence. Amen.**

*(2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a)*

## SCRIPTURE Luke 18:35-43 (NRSV)

35 As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 36 When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. 37 They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." 38 Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 39 Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 40 Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, 41 "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." 42 Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." 43 Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

*Response*

The Word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem - Chancel Choir

**Hear My Words**  
Stephen Paulus  
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## SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee

*What Do You Want Me to Do for You?*

**CLOSING HYMN #454** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

1. Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain

Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.

Refrain

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.

Refrain

**Open My Eyes That I May See (Open My Eyes)**  
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**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE - Hani**

**La Marche des Rois**  
Clement Loret  
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