



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

November 2, 2025

PRELUDE - Hani

Andante from "Concerto in D minor for two mandolins"

A. Vivaldi

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us.

All: We give thanks!

Leader: We remember choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises.

All: We give thanks!

Leader: We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years.

All: We give thanks!

Leader: We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.

All: We give thanks!

Leader: We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew in faith and our love for God and neighbor.

All: We give thanks!

Leader: We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.

All: We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

(Adapted from Rev. Susannah DeBenedetto and posted on LiturgyLink)

OPENING HYMN #61 *Come, Thou Almighty King* (v. 1, 2, 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!

2. Come, thou incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend!
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
on us descend!

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)

Felice de Giardini

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes—all of those who have come before us also experienced temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.

All: Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One—comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

(A time of silence)

Leader: Friends, receive this good news! Jesus taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God! Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love! Amen!

(Adapted from Rev. Lucas Keppel, Ancho Community & Corona United Presbyterian Churches, New Mexico. Posted on LiturgyLink)

HOLY COMMUNION - The United Methodist Hymnal (page 15)

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.

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

There Is a Fountain

Arr. Stan Pethel

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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

Gracious God of every growing gift, you call forth saints not with perfection, but with purpose – to grow in faith, abound in love, and serve with steadfastness. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude, given by those you are shaping for good works in Christ. Use them to build up your church, to bless the world, and to honor those who have taught us to love more deeply. May our generosity today reflect your glory and strengthen us to walk ever more faithfully in your way. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12)

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

Following the reading of each name, we will respond together, "Present with the Lord"

Mimi Case

December 25, 2024

Romulo P. Velayo

January 17, 2025

Natalie McBee

January 18, 2025

Virginia Esguerra

January 30, 2025

Jose Francisco

March 29, 2025

Julia Chlanda

August 25, 2025

REMEMBERING FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WERE NOT MEMBERS OF THIS CHURCH

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Leader: On this All Saints Sunday, we also remember that we too are living saints, members of the family of God with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future. And so, we remember:

All: We are God's children. What we shall be has not yet been revealed; but we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. So today and every day, may we put on Christ and live as saints who tend the poor, comfort the mourners, learn from the meek, affirm those who seek righteousness, offer mercy alongside the merciful, and work for peace with the peacemakers until Christ comes in final victory and we feast as the family of God at his heavenly banquet. Amen

SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 18:41-46 (NRSV)

41 Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of rushing rain." 42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; there he bowed himself down upon the earth and put his face between his knees. 43 He said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." He went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." Then he said, "Go again seven times." 44 At the seventh time he said, "Look, a little cloud no bigger than a person's hand is rising out of the sea." Then he said, "Go say to Ahab, 'Harness your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.'" 45 In a little while the heavens grew black with clouds and wind; there was a heavy rain. Ahab rode off and went to Jezreel. 46 But the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; he girded up his loins and ran in front of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem - Chancel Choir

What Grace Is Mine (Traditional: Londonderry Air)

Kristyn Lennox Getty | Arr. Tom Fettke

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SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee

What Do You See; How Do You Understand?

CLOSING HYMN #130 *God Will Take Care Of You* (v. 1, 4)

1. Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
beneath his wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.
God will take care of you,
through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

4. No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
lean, weary one, upon his breast,
God will take care of you.
God will take care of you,
through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

God Will Take Care of You

Civilla Durfee Martin | Walter Stillman Martin

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - Hani

Victory Through Christ

Lani Smith

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