



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

November 9, 2025

PRELUDE - Josh

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Even though we don't always feel it, God is with us.

All: The darkness and doubt of the world can threaten to consume us.

Leader: Yet God is with us.

All: All around us, there is fear and hopelessness.

Leader: God brings to us hope and peace. We place our trust in God's abundant love.

**All: Let us freely and without fear open our hearts to God's healing words of hope.
AMEN.**

(Nancy C. Townley, "Call to Worship 4," *Worship Connection*)

OPENING HYMN #2056 TFWS *God Is So Good*

1. God is so good,
God is so good,
God is so good,
God's so good to me.

2. God cares for me,
God cares for me,
God cares for me,
God's so good to me.

3. God loves me so,
God loves me so,
God loves me so,
God's so good to me.

4. God is so good,
God is so good,
God is so good,
God's so good to me.

God Is So Good
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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 – Josh

III. March Funebre, Excerpt from Piano Sonata Opus 35 No. 2
Frédéric Chopin
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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

Faithful God, the One who stands with us in ruins and renewals alike, may your compassionate care continue to rain down on us. As we bring our offerings, we remember not only what was, but we dare to believe in what will be. You are our strength when we falter, our vision when the future feels uncertain. Use these gifts to rebuild your beloved community—not only in stone and structure, but in lives made whole, relationships restored, and justice pursued. May your peace dwell richly in what we offer and how we live, that the glory of this house—the people called by your name—might truly shine. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

(Haggai 2:1–9)

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Financial Stewardship

Financial Tools and Strategies to Maximize Your Gifts to the Church

SCRIPTURE John 4:31–38 (NRSV)

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” 32 But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” 33 So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” 34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35 Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36 The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir

The Lord is My Light

Mary Kay Beall | John Carter

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

What Do You See: How Do You Understand? (2)

CLOSING HYMN #2152 TFWS *Change My Heart, O God*

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 - Josh

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