



First United Methodist Church of Torrance

Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

Now Thank We All Our God

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to God!

All: We give thanks for the gift of warm bread, the smell of dinner cooking in the oven, and the joy of gathering around a table together.

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to God!

All: We give thanks for all the times God has made a way out of no way, providing for us in body and spirit just when we need it.

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to God!

All: We give thanks for the ways God weaves us together as a community of love and care, supporting one another in the ebbs and flows of daily life.

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with grateful praise!

All: Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #77 How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

3. And when I think that God, his son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God how great thou art!

Refrain

How Great Thou Art

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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

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OFFERTORY MUSIC – Josh, Richard, Marshall

Down to the River to Pray

Trad. | Arr. Sheldon Curry

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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

Compassionate Shepherd, You do not abandon your flock, even when we wander or divide. You gather us in Christ, our righteousness, and teach us to live in unity, mercy, and peace. As we bring these gifts, may they be signs of our desire to follow your way, offering compassion where there has been hurt, justice where there has been harm, and hope where there has been despair. Strengthen us to live as people waiting not in fear, but in faith, serving the reign of Christ not just with words, but with lives shaped by generosity and love. In the name of the One who gathers and leads us always. Amen.

(Jeremiah 23:1-6)

SCRIPTURE Luke 10:25-28 (NRSV)

25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" 27 He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

Response

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir

Be Still, and Know That I Am God
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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

What Is Written in the Law? What Do You Read There?

CLOSING HYMN #377 *It Is Well with My Soul* (v. 1, 3, 4)

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain***It Is Well With My Soul**

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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE - Hani****Fanfare**

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