



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

Be Lifted Up

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Destruction and violence are everywhere;
strife and contention are all around

**All: The needs of the world are so great;
O Lord, increase our faith.**

Leader: The law is slack,
and justice does not prevail.

**All: The needs of the world are so great;
O Lord, increase our faith.**

Leader: How many threats surround us;
warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

**All: The needs of the world are so great,
but you, O God, are greater still –
the One in whom all things are possible.
O Lord, increase our faith in you!**

Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year C, Vol. 2

OPENING HYMN #139 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (v. 1, 2, 3)

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning
bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds
all, whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

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A PRAYER FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Leader: Jesus prayed that we might be one.

One in spirit; One in mission

In union and communion with each other and with You.

**All: Today, God, we confess fumbings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we
set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task.**

**On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection
in the eyes of Christians everywhere.**

Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences.

Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere.

We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

(From the Africana Worship Book, Year B)

HOLY COMMUNION The United Methodist Hymnal (p. 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.

HYMN NO. 139 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (v. 4, 5)*

4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need
God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

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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.

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OFFERTORY MUSIC - Hani

What a Friend We Have In Jesus
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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

Faithful God, our source and sustainer, you call us to believe beyond what we see and serve without seeking reward. Take these gifts as seeds of trust, planted in hope and watered with gratitude. Even when our faith feels small, you multiply our offering into acts of healing, welcome, and justice. So, increase not only our faith, Lord, but also our willingness to serve—with humility, joy, and confidence that you are at work through every generous act. In the name of the one who came to serve, we pray. Amen.

(Luke 17:5-10)

SCRIPTURE Micah 6:6–8 (NRSV)

- 6 “With what shall I come before the LORD,
 and bow myself before God on high?
 Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
 with calves a year old?
- 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
 with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
 Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
 the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
- 8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
 and what does the LORD require of you
 but to do justice, and to love kindness,
 and to walk humbly with your God?

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir**How Can I Keep From Signing**

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

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CLOSING HYMN #514 *Stand Up for Jesus* (v. 1, 4)

1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
his army shall he lead,
till every foe is vanquished,
and Christ is Lord indeed.

4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the strife will not be long;
this day the noise of battle,
the next the victor's song.
To those who vanquish evil
a crown of life shall be;
they with the King of Glory
shall reign eternally.

Stand Up Stand Up For Jesus (Morning Light)
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POSTLUDE - Hani

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