



First United Methodist Church of Torrance

Online Church in Worship

October 12, 2025

PRELUDE - Hani

From Your Starry Threshold; Prayer in the opera: "Mose"

Gioachino Rossini

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come! Now is the time to worship!

All: We come to worship God who invites us.

Leader: When the Israelites worshiped the golden calf, God listened to Moses and chose to correct instead of destroy.

All: God persistently invites us to return to God.

Leader: Jesus tells a story of a wedding banquet where the guests dismissed the invitation and harmed the messengers, so the king invited people off the streets and welcomed all who received the invitation in earnest.

All: God persistently invites us to return to God.

Leader: Too often we turn from God's ways, choosing our stiff-necked insistence that we know what is best instead of trusting God's provision, love, and guidance.

All: When we turn away and our love fails, God continues to offer us opportunities to return to God and join in the celebration of God's abundant love and life.

Leader: Come! Now is the time to worship!

All: We come to worship God who keeps inviting us for the long haul.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #133 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

1. What a fellowship,
what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness,
what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. O how sweet to walk
in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path
grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

3. What have I to dread,
what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace
with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain***Leaning On The Everlasting Arms**

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HOLY BAPTISM — *Excerpts from Baptismal Covenant II*

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Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their service to others.
We will pray for them.
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
[who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
[the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.]

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Members of the household of God,
I commend these persons to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, and our service,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.

HYMN — TFWS #2235b Siyahamba/We Are Marching – Rejoice Singers

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are singing, singing,
we are singing , singing, we are singing for the
Lord is our light.

Syahamba/We Are Marching In the Light of God
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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 – James

How Deep Is Your Love?

Robin Hugh Gibb, Barry Alan Gibb, Maurice Ernest Gibb

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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

Gracious healer who meets us on the way, you give gifts we never earn and mercies we often forget to name. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and expressions of our faith. Let them be more than ritual—let them become praise, rising from lives made whole in your grace. May we never settle for being merely clean when you call us to wellness, to joy, to thanksgiving. Make us a generous people, healed and healing, blessing others as you have blessed us. In the name of Jesus, who makes us well. Amen.

(Luke 17:11–19)

SCRIPTURE Romans 15:13; 1 Peter 1:3–9 (NRSV)

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7 so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Response

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir

Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior

Arr. Dale Wood

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

Alive in Christ: Becoming a Real Church
(6): *A Church Of Hope*

CLOSING HYMN #368 *My Hope Is Built* (v. 1, 3)

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

The Solid Rock

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - Hani

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