



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

October 19, 2025

PRELUDE - Hani

Dance of the Blessed Spirit

C.W. Gluck

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us here today.

All: We bring our full selves to God: our strengths and our weaknesses.

Leader: God calls YOU here today.

All: We offer all we are to God: our talents and our inadequacies.

Leader: God calls every part of us to bring divine love and light into the world!

All: We respond to that call, trusting that God is at work within us. AMEN.

(From Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #140 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness!

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Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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BLESSING OF PRAYER QUILT AND CROCHETED ANIMALS

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 - Anela & Sofia

Love Lifted Me

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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

Persistent and just God, you do not turn away when your people cry out. Receive these gifts as acts of our faith—faith that keeps moving, faith that keeps hoping, faith that keeps working for justice, even when the world says it's too late or too little. Make us a people who do not lose heart. Shape our prayers into action and our generosity into grace, until your kin-dom comes—on earth, as it is in heaven. In the name of Christ, who still stands and knocks. Amen.

(Luke 18:1–8)

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 2:1–10; John 10:10 (NRSV)

Ephesians

1 You were dead through the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. 3 All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us 5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— 9 not the result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

John

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir

The Servant Song

Richard Gillard

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

Alive in Christ: Becoming a Real Church

(7): A Church Alive in Christ

CLOSING HYMN #547 *O Church of God, United* (v. 1, 3, 4)

1. O church of God, united to serve one common Lord,
proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day
with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.

3. Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of thee;
and in thy loving spirit we shall one people be.
Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim
proclaim to all the power of thy redeeming name.

4. May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one,
close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed Son:
to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,
that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.

O Church Of God, United (Ellacombe)

Frederick B. Morley

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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE - Hani****Battle Hymn of the Republic "Glory Glory Hallelujah"**

William Steffe

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