



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When we are surrounded on every side, wondering which way is up and which way is down...

All: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

Leader: When we question which way to go and how to follow God's path for us...

All: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

Leader: When we find our rest in God and long for others to know the sweet peace of God's embrace...

All: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

Leader: Today, as we gather for worship, may we come ready to listen and discern God's help that meets us right where we are.

All: Help us, God, to receive your help and to extend your help to our neighbors, all for the glory of your name.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #158 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

1. Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!

loud praise to Christ our King:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice.

Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend;

to us he'll condescend;

his love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet the Lord again:

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain:

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore

his goodness we'll adore,

singing forevermore:

Alleluia! Amen!

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Christian Henry Bateman | Stan Pethel

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BLESSING OF THE PRAYER QUILT

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 - Marshall

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Rev. Thomas Dorsey

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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

Unshakable and merciful God, you meet us in the ruins just as surely as in times of rejoicing. When all feels lost, you are not. When we stumble for answers, you remain our refuge. Receive these gifts, given not from abundance alone but from hearts that still dare to trust. Let them be signs of your presence in broken places, tools of healing, hope, and grace in a hurting world. Help us live our praise, even in lament, as your people who believe in your goodness - still. Amen.

(Psalm 79:1-9)

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:42-47 (NRSV)

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Response

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Anthem - Chancel Choir

The Potter's Hand

Darlene Zschech | Arr. Lloyd Larson

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SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee

Alive in Christ: Becoming a Real Church (3): A Church Devoted to One Another

CLOSING HYMN #467 *Trust and Obey* (v. 1, 4)

1. When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

4. Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey.

*Refrain***When We Walk With The Lord (Trust And Obey)**

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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE - Hani****Te Deum**

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