



First United Methodist Church of Torrance

Online Church in Worship

September 28, 2025

PRELUDE - Hani

Pastorale from Organ Symphony No.2, Op 13:2

Ch.M. Widor

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather today to worship God, who listens when we call.

All: We gather to rest in the shadow of God's wings.

Leader: We gather to pray to God, who answers us when we call.

All: We gather to lift our voices in the shadow of God's wings.

Leader: We gather to praise God, who rescues us when we call.

All: We gather to rejoice in the shadow of God's wings.

Leader: Beloved, come! Let us worship God, who covers and delivers us in Love.

All: We gather to worship in the shadow of God's wings.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #111 *How Can We Name a Love* (v. 1, 2, 4)

1. How can we name a Love
that wakens heart and mind,
indwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find?
Within our daily world,
in every human face,
Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the common place.

2. If we awoke to life
built on a rock of care
that asked no great reward but firm, assured, was simply there,
we can, with parents' names,
describe, and thus adore,
Love unconfined, a father kind, a mother strong and sure.

4. So in a hundred names,
each day we all can meet
a presence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.
Yet every name we see,
shines in a brighter sun:
In Christ alone is Love full grown and life and hope begun.

How Can We Name A Love (Terra Beata)

Brian Arthur Wren | Franklin Lawrence Sheppard

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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

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 - P.A.L.A.**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)

Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sheltering God, our refuge and relief, you draw near when the wilderness is too much, when the heat of the day drains our hope. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in your abiding love, a love that does not always keep us from trouble but never leaves us to face it alone. May what we give today bring shade to the weary, hope to the hurting, and a glimpse of the salvation you are always working out in us and through us. In gratitude and faith, we offer these gifts. Amen.

(Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16)

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 28:16–20 (NRSV)*

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir**His Beautiful Hands**

Carl Nygard Jr.

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

Alive in Christ: Becoming a Real Church

(4): A Church on Mission

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

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

Fanfare

Theodore Dubois

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