



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

Andante "Choeur de Voix humaines"

Luis Lefebure-Wely

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up:
How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

All: Within our questioning, Christ appears.

Leader: We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's
resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

All: Within our certainty, Christ appears.

Leader: Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome
here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the
world, a story still unfolding all around us.

**All: We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected
Christ dwells among us! Amen.**

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #64 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* (v. 1, 2, 4)

1. Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our songs shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons,
blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and
evermore shalt be.

4. Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and seas.
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons
blessed Trinity.

Holy Holy Holy (Nicaea)
John Bacchus Dykes, Reginald Heber
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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.**

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 - Presenter

Above All

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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)

Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Compassionate and faithful God, you meet us behind locked doors and in the doubts we dare not speak aloud. Like Thomas, we long to see, to touch, to know—and yet, by your grace, you call us blessed for believing without seeing. Accept now these gifts we bring, signs of our faith, acts of our trust. Use them to reach others still searching for hope, healing, and connection. Let our giving testify to your Resurrection power and shape us into a community where wounds are not hidden but held with love. In Christ, who breathes peace upon us, we pray. Amen.

(John 20:19-31)

SCRIPTURE John 20:19–31 (NRSV)

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 20 After he said this, he showed

them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir

Let Us Break Bread Together

Composer

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

Peace Be With You:

When Christ Walks Through Locked Doors

CLOSING HYMN #364 *Because He Lives* (v. 1, 3)

1. God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;
he came to love, heal, and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
because he lives, all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

3. And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.

*Refrain***Because He Lives**

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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE - Hani****Allegro moderato maestoso**

F. Mendelssohn

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