



First United Methodist Church of Torrance

Online Church in Worship

August 9, 2026

PRELUDE - Hani

Pavane

Gabriel Faure

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, some of us come today with songs of joy, rejoicing at all God has done for us.

All: We come to remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Some of us come today with songs of mourning in our hearts, feeling the weight of loss, isolation, and loneliness.

All: We come to remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Some of us come today with songs of worry and distress, overwhelmed by the troubles and the sufferings of the world.

All: We come to remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: In our joy, our sorrow, our isolation, and our worry, God is faithful!

All: We come to sing God's praises, for in all things, God's steadfast love and faithfulness never fail. Thanks be to God! Amen.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #140 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (v. 1, 3)

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!

Great is thy faithfulness!

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

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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BACK TO SCHOOL AND A BLESSINGS OF THE BACKPACKS

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PRESENTATION

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 - Dennis

Create In Me A Clean Heart

Keith Green

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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

Faithful God, we lift our voices and our gifts in grateful memory of your saving work. You call us to sing of your goodness and to remember your wonders, even when the way forward is hidden from view. As Joseph was used for life in a time of scarcity, so use these offerings for hope and healing in a hungry world. Make us instruments of your purpose—seeds of justice, salt of compassion, and signs of your steadfast love. Receive what we bring as praise made tangible, and send us out as a people who remember, who trust, and who sing of your deliverance in every season. Amen.

(Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b)

SCRIPTURE Luke 9:10-17 (NRSV)

10 On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. He took them with him and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida. 11 When the crowds found out about it, they followed him; and he welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured.

12 The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place.” 13 But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” 14 For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” 15 They did so and made them all sit down. 16 And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. 17 And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Response

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL ANTHEM – UMH 700 *Abide With Me* (v. 1, 3, 5)

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

3. I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Abide With Me (Eventide)

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

Grace for the Weary (Week 6)
Enough

CLOSING HYMN #593 *Here I Am, Lord* (v. 1)

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain
Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Here I Am, Lord

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - Hani

Toccata on "Ode to Joy"

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