



First United Methodist Church of Torrance

Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE – Hani

Après un rêve (After a Dream)

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?

All: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

Leader: In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?

All: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

Leader: When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?

All: To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.

Leader: Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!

All: We come to worship God with our voices and our lives. Thanks be to God!

Amen.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #700 *Abide with Me* (v. 1-3)

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.

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, 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.

Abide With Me (Eventide)

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Micah reminds us that our prayers, fasting, and pious ritual must be lived out in compassion and justice:

When we forget the fast you desire—

To do justice, and rise up for the powerless:

Lord, have mercy.

When we forget the prayer you love—

To show compassion and care for those in need:

Christ, have mercy.

When we forget the rituals you require—

To create relationships of righteousness and peace:

Lord have mercy.

(Assurance of Grace and Peace)

Leader: Friends, the love of God revealed in Jesus forgives us, heals us, and sets us free to rebuild, restore, and raise up foundations for new generations.

All: AMEN.

(Adapted from Rev. Susan A. Blain, posted on the Worship Ways website)

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...The pastor concludes:

And so,

with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...The pastor concludes:

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

The pastor concludes:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.
now and for ever.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN #700 *Abide with Me* (v. 5, 6)

4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears not bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou 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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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 - Hani

When We All Get To Heaven
Emily Wilson | Arr. Greg Howlett
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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

God of Justice and Mercy, you do not ask for thousands of offerings or rivers of oil, only that we live with love, humility, and a hunger for what is right. Accept these gifts we bring—not as bargaining chips, but as signs of our desire to follow you. Use them and us to pour out kindness where the world is aching, to walk alongside the weary, and to bring your healing presence into troubled places. May our giving be our “yes” to your call, our response to your grace, and our witness to your hope. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

(Micah 6:1-8)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:13–16 (NRSV)

13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

14 “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Response

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Anthem - Chancel Choir**One Bread, One Body**

John Foley | Arr. Mark Hayes

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SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee*Faithful People in Anxious Times:
Living as Lights in the Darkness***CLOSING HYMN #585 *This Little Light of Mine* (v. 1, 2)**

1. This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This Little Light of Mine

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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE - Hani****Marche**

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