



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

Peace to My Soul

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this Transfiguration Sunday, we gather on the mountaintop with Jesus, wondering what we will encounter.

All: We come to encounter God's glory revealed.

Leader: We witness the revelation of Christ's divinity made plain before us.

All: We come to witness God's glory revealed.

Leader: We remember that God's glory is not about spectacle but truth, not about show but about Love made real among us.

All: We come to remember God's glory revealed.

Leader: We follow Jesus down from the mountaintop into the valleys, as God's glory goes before us and behind us.

All: We come to be sent out to share God's glory revealed. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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OPENING HYMN #110 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (v. 1, 2, 4)

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

4. That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Frederick Henry Hedge | Martin Luther
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TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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 – Josh

Serenade

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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

Radiant God, you meet us in moments of mystery and transformation, calling us to listen, to follow, and to give ourselves in love. As we offer these gifts, we confess our impatience with waiting and our longing for clarity, even when you speak from the cloud. Let these offerings be more than habit; let them reflect the light of Christ we have glimpsed on the mountaintop and the hope we carry into the valleys below. Use them—and us—to shine your love where shadows linger, until all your beloved children know they are seen, named, and cherished. In the name of your Beloved Son, we pray. Amen.

(Matthew 17:1–9)

SCRIPTURE Psalm 46:1–10 (NRSV)

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
- 3 though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
- 6 The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- 7 The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

- 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD;
 see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
- 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
 he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
 he burns the shields with fire.
- 10 “Be still, and know that I am God!
 I am exalted among the nations,
 I am exalted in the earth.”

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir

I Will Arise

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

Naming the Moment We’re In

CLOSING HYMN #368 My Hope Is Built (v. 1, 2)

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

Refrain

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

The Solid Rock

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - Hani

God Is Our Refuge and Strength

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