



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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## PRELUDE - Hani

### Pilgrim's Song

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## CROSS-PROCESSIONAL HYMN #159 *Lift High The Cross* (v. 1)

### Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.  
The hosts of God in unity combine.

### Refrain

### Lift High The Cross (Crucifer)

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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today, we follow Jesus into a wilderness full of isolation, fatigue, hunger, thirst, and temptation.

**All: We follow, trusting in God's mercy.**

Leader: We witness Jesus resist the siren calls of sensationalism, notoriety, and misuse of power for selfish gain.

**All: We recognize God's mercy at work in the face of temptation.**

Leader: We notice the angels who tend Jesus, messengers of care in a harsh and lonely place.

**All: We pay attention to God's merciful presence that did not abandon Jesus and does not abandon us now.**

Leader: We come to the wilderness together, clinging to the truth that we are not alone—God is with us.

**All: We gather to worship God, whose unfailing mercy journeys with us into the wildernesses of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)*

**OPENING HYMN #357 *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* (v. 1-3, 6)**

1. Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am, and waiting not  
to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am, thy love unknown  
hath broken every barrier down;  
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**Just As I Am**

Charlotte Elliott | William Batchelder Bradbury

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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.

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## OFFERTORY MUSIC - Hani

### I Surrender 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)

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## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Surprising God of Mercy, you meet us in wilderness places and walk beside us through trial and temptation. Even when we feel alone, your grace is never far, your presence never absent. In this moment of giving, we offer not just our resources, but our trust that you are already at work, shaping us through challenge, strengthening us through sacrifice, and surrounding us with unseen angels. Use these gifts to bring hope where there is hunger, healing where there is pain, and light where there is despair. May what we give reflect our desire to walk more closely with you, even in the hard places. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

*(Psalm 32, Matthew 4:1-11)*

## SCRIPTURE Romans 12:1-2 (NRSV)

**1** I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. **2** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

### *Response*

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Anthem – Chancel Choir**

### **Here I Am, Lord**

Daniel Schutte | Arr. Craig Courtney

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## **SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee**

*Who Are We Becoming?*

## **CLOSING HYMN #354 I Surrender All (v. 1, 4)**

1. All to Jesus I surrender;  
all to him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust him,  
in his presence daily live.

### Refrain

I surrender all, I surrender all,  
all to thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

4. All to Jesus I surrender;  
Lord, I give myself to thee;  
fill me with thy love and power;  
let thy blessing fall on me.

### Refrain

### **I Surrender All**

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE – Hani**

### **God, the Almighty**

Gary Davidson

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