



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

Gymnopédie No.1
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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: Like Abram and Sarai, God calls us to go into the unknown, trusting that God's promises are true.
- All: Whether we are certain or full of doubts, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.**
- Leader: God sends us into the world to journey by faith, believing that God's blessings are greater than anything we can imagine.
- All: Whether the path is straight or winding, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.**
- Leader: God gathers us today with trusted companions, those who also follow God's call, even when it does not make sense to the world around us.
- All: Whether we journey with friends or feel all alone, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.**
- Leader: As we gather to worship, may we remember that we are God's people, blessed by God to be a blessing to our world that is hurting and desperately in need of good news.
- All: God, form us today as a family of faith, that your blessings might flow out of us and into our world, drawing all people into your promise of abundant life and flourishing. Amen.**

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #127 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven,
bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer,
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises,
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah (Cwm Rhondda)
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
You have set before us the path,
but we have wandered on our own
to try to find our way.
Sometimes we are like toddlers,
and we hear Your call and come back.
Other times, we are children testing boundaries,
ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back.
And still other times, we are full of youthful rebellion,
demanding to be cut loose and set free,
not knowing how much we still need
to seek Your wisdom and guidance.
But most of all, too often we think we are adults
and have figured it all out and know our own way,
only to stumble and stray so far.
Remind us, parental God,
that we are always Your children,
that we are never fully grown up in Your sight,
that we always have much to learn.**

Help us to seek You every day,
to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance,
and help us to return to the path and walk with You.
In the name of Christ,
who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

(Written by Rev Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution)

HOLY COMMUNION - The United Methodist Hymnal (page 15)

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.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES AND PROMOTED STUDENTS

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

Glory to His Name
Arr. William Barnett
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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

Calling God, you spoke to Abram and set him on a journey, not with full clarity, but with full trust. You promised blessing—and with it, purpose. We come now as your people, also journeying by faith, offering these gifts not for our greatness, but so that your promise might be fulfilled through us: to bless the world. Use these offerings to build relationships, to mend the broken, and to draw all families of the earth toward your heart. May our giving reflect our trust, and may our trust lead us to go where you send, step by step, stage by stage, into your future. Amen.

(Genesis 12:1-9)

SCRIPTURE Genesis 12:1-9 (NRSV)

1 Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. 9 And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir

Come To The Table

Russell Nagy | Joel Nagy

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

So Abram Went

CLOSING HYMN #577 *God of Grace and God of Glory* (v. 1, 4)

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

4. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

God of Grace and God of Glory

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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE - Hani****Trumpet Final**

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