



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

June 21, 2026

PRELUDE - Hani

“From your starry throne” - Prayer in the opera: “Mose”

G. Rossini

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When we feel abandoned and alone, unable to find a way out of the wilderness that surrounds, we cry out to God...

All: And God listens to us.

Leader: When we feel discouraged and defeated, unsure we will ever really be able to make ends meet and worried that no matter how hard we work, it will never be enough, we cry out to God...

All: And God listens to us.

Leader: When we feel lost and forgotten, unable to find the words for the grief, isolation, and despair that we feel, our hearts cry out to God...

All: And God pays attention to us.

Leader: As we gather in this place and time, remember: You are not alone. God knows where you are, and God listens to the cries of our hearts.

All: May we also listen to one another as God guides us toward the cool, refreshing waters we need to continue on our journey as the family of God.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #578 *God of Love and God of Power*

1. God of love and God of power,
grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee,
daring hearts and spirits free.

Refrain

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

2. We are not the first to be
banished by our fears from thee;
give us courage, let us hear
heaven's trumpets ringing clear.

Refrain

3. All our lives belong to thee,
thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we whene'er we share
that devotion anywhere.

Refrain

4. God of love and God of power,
make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will,
keeping free our spirits still.

*Refrain***God Of Love And God Of Power**

Gerald H. Kennedy

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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

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OFFERTORY MUSIC - James**As the Deer**

Martin J. Nystrom

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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

Majestic and holy God, Creator of all that is seen and unseen, we bring these gifts in awe of Your glory revealed in the heavens and here among us. As we offer these gifts, may they reflect your wisdom and share your love, building a world that proclaims your majesty. Through your Spirit, pour your grace into our lives, that our service may mirror the love You have shown us in Christ, lifting our voices with creation to declare, “How majestic is Your name in all the earth!” In the name of the Holy Trinity, we pray. Amen.

(Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5)

SCRIPTURE [Leviticus 19:1, 2, 9, 17, 33 \(NRSV\)](#)

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

2 Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

9 When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest.

10 You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

17 You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself.

18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

33 When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien.

34 The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir

Hear My Words

Stephen Paulus

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SERMON – Scott

Mitzvah Hesed

CLOSING HYMN #383 *This is A Day of New Beginnings* (v. 1- 4)

1. This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.
2. For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.
3. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.
4. Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.

This Is A Day Of New Beginnings (Beginnings)

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Hani

Fanfare

John Marsh

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