



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

Meditation on "Vernon"

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CROSS-PROCESSIONAL HYMN #159 *Lift High The Cross* (v. 4)

Refrain

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

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

Refrain

Lift High The Cross (Crucifer)

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved, the journey of grace takes us to still waters, the valley of the shadow of death, even to tables surrounded by our enemies.

All: We gather to worship God, our Shepherd, who guides us on the journey.

Leader: The journey of grace points us toward the Light so that we may bear the fruit of the Light in all that we do.

All: We gather to be formed by grace so that our lives may bear the fruit of all that is good and right and true.

Leader: The journey of grace calls us to pay attention, to discern what is pleasing to God.

All: We gather to listen to the Spirit, who empowers us to go from this place to work together to do what is pleasing to God.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who provides, inspires, and empowers us on the journey of grace.

All: Come, let us worship God as we journey in grace together! Amen.

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OPENING HYMN #534 *Be Still, My Soul*

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Be Still My Soul (Finlandia)

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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.

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OFFERTORY MUSIC - Richard and Marshall**Lenten Meditation**

Jay Althouse

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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 Shepherd, you walk beside us through valleys and over mountaintops, guiding us with grace and guarding us with love. In your presence, we lack nothing that truly matters. Even in a world clouded by shadows, your light shines through—inviting us to live as children of the day. Receive these gifts, O God, as signs of our desire to walk in your ways, to live as your people, and to shine with the goodness, justice, and truth that reflect your image. Let our giving be more than ritual; let it be an act of trust, a response to your faithfulness, and a testimony of your light at work in us. In Christ's holy name, we pray, Amen.

(Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14)

SCRIPTURE Luke 10:25-37 (NRSV)

25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" 27 He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Response

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir**In the Garden**

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

Relearning How to Love

CLOSING HYMN #581 *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* (v. 1, 4)

1. Lord, whose love through humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
every gift that you impart.

4. Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know, and live.

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

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POSTLUDE - Hani

God of Our Fathers

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