



# First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

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## PRELUDE - Hani

Nocturne

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## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

**All: I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

Leader: In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

**All: I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

Leader: In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

**All: I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

Leader: In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

**All: I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

Leader: Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.

**All: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

## OPENING HYMN #77 *How Great Thou Art* (v. 1-2)

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

**How Great Thou Art**

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

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**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.**

**OPENING HYMN #77 *How Great Thou Art* (v. 3-4)**

3. And when I think that God, his son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin;

*Refrain*

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God how great thou art!

*Refrain*

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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 - Hani**

**His Eyes is on the Sparrow**

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel | Arr. Robert J. Hughes

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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)**

Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken

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**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Way-Making God, your offer to us is not just to believe in heaven, but to live the kingdom life here and now. Through Jesus, you show us the way, the truth, and the life—calling us to deeper trust, wider welcome, and greater works of grace. As we bring our gifts, we step into that life, choosing generosity over fear and hope over judgment. Use these offerings, and use us, to make your dwelling places visible in our community, in our compassion, in our courage. We give, because we've heard your voice. In Christ's name. Amen.

*(John 14:1-14)***SCRIPTURE John 14:1-14 (NRSV)**

1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.” 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

*Response*

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Anthem – Chancel Choir**

### **Christ Is Now Arisen**

John Mason Neale | Arr. K. Lee Scott

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## **SERMON – Revs. Alma and Richard Navarro**

*From Trouble to Trust*

*Finding a Home in Jesus*

## **CLOSING HYMN #368 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (v. 1, 4)**

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.

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found!  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne!

### *Refrain*

### **The Solid Rock**

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE – Hani**

### **The Awakening**

Edward Broughton

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