



First United Methodist Church of Torrance Online Church in Worship

May 17, 2026

PRELUDE - Hani

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Easter people, Christ has completed the work of salvation, reconciling us to God so that we may know eternal life.

All: Through Christ, we are made one with God.

Leader: In life, death, and Resurrection, Christ guides us into eternal life with God here and now.

All: Through Christ, we are made one in God.

Leader: Through prayer and teaching, healing and serving, Christ draws us together as the people of God, diverse members of the one body.

All: Through Christ, we are made one with God and one another.

Leader: So, come, let us worship God who saves us into eternal life with God and one another!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #133 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

1. What a fellowship,
what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness,
what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. *O how sweet to walk*
in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path
grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

3. What have I to dread,
what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace
with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

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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

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 - Presenter

Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring
Cantata BWV 147
Johann Sebastian Bach
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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

Unifying God of Grace, you have entrusted us with the joy of community and the calling of witness. As Jesus prayed that we might be one, we bring these gifts as a sign of our shared commitment to your mission in the world. Let our giving reflect our love, our unity declare your glory, and our generosity embody Christ's presence among us. Use these offerings to strengthen the church, to bless our neighbors, and to glorify your name. In Christ, we belong to you. In Christ, you are glorified in us. Amen.

(John 17:1-11)

SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 5:6-11 (NRSV)

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 8 Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. 10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Response

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Anthem - Chancel Choir

And Can It Be That I Should Gain
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SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee

Standing Firm in the Storm

CLOSING HYMN #377 *It Is Well with My Soul* (v. 1, 4)

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,

Refrain

It Is Well With My Soul
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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE - Hani**

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