First United Methodist Church of Torrance
Online Church in Worship

November 8, 2026

PRELUDE - Josh

Be Thou My Vision
Tune: SLANE, Irish Melody
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Open Our Eyes, O Lord, We Pray
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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Family of God, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
All: We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Leader: Sometimes we grow weary in the waiting, and we wonder if we are watching and working for nothing.
All: We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Leader: Sometimes God surprises, and we are overwhelmed by joy and wonder at all God is doing among us.
All: We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Leader: Family of God, whether you are weary or energized, worried or wonder-filled, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
All: We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand. Thanks be to God! Amen.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #400 *Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (v. 1, 3)

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing
John Wyeth | Robert Robinson
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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

Gratitude
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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

Watchful God, you call us to keep awake—to live with open eyes and attentive hearts, ready to recognize Christ in the needs and joys that surround us each day. As we bring these gifts, keep the flame of compassion burning within us. Fill us with the oil of kindness, generosity, and holy attentiveness, that our lives may shine with your love in a world too often dimmed by fear and indifference. Use these offerings and our willing spirits to bring light, hope, and welcome to your children. Keep us awake to your presence and faithful in your service, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Matthew 25:1-13)

SCRIPTURE Luke 21:1–4 (NRSV)

1 He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; 2 he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. 3 He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; 4 for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

Response
The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Anthem - Chancel Choir

Let There Be Peace on Earth
Jill Jackson | Sy Miller | Arr. William Stickles
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SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee

Everything She Had

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.

Refrain
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.

Refrain

God of Grace and God of Glory
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - Josh

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman | Arr. Lloyd Larson
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