First United Methodist Church of Torrance
Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

Morning Reverie
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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Family of God, whom do you serve?
All: We serve God, who calls us to love our neighbors, tend creation, and care for the least of these.
Leader: Family of God, in a world that values productivity and profit, whom do you serve?
All: We serve God, who calls us to value equity, justice, and sabbath for all.
Leader: Family of God, in a world that privileges power over others instead of power shared with our neighbors, whom do you serve?
All: We serve God, who calls us to privilege the agency and flourishing of ourselves, our neighbors, and all creation.
Leader: Family of God, we gather here to grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation. Let us now enter the joy of serving God, who is Love.
All: We gather to worship God and work for God's purposes until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #593 *Here I Am, Lord* (v. 1, 3)

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain
Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I Am, Lord
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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.

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

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 - Hani

Softly and Tenderly
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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

Generous Christ, every good gift comes from your hand, and you entrust us with resources, abilities, and opportunities to serve your kingdom. Keep us from measuring our worth by what we produce or possess. Instead, teach us to invest our lives in love, mercy, and the building of community. Receive these offerings and use them to lift burdens, create hope, and strengthen your people. May we find joy not in accumulation, but in faithful relationship with you and our neighbors. May all that we offer today become a witness to your abundant grace. Amen.

(Matthew 25:14-30)

SCRIPTURE John 6:1-13 (NRSV)

1 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of
Tiberias. 2 A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was
doing for the sick. 3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.
4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5 When he looked up and saw a
large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for
these people to eat?" 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going
to do. 7 Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for
each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother,
said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what
are they among so many people?" 10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now
there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in
all. 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them
to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 When they were
satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing
may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley
loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

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

Anthem - Chancel Choir

Hymn of Promise
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SERMON - Rev. Jacob Lee

What Are We Holding in Our Hands?

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.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - Hani

Sing Praise to God
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