



First United Methodist Church of Torrance

Online Church in Worship

October 25, 2026

PRELUDE - Hani

Nocturne in E minor

F. Chopin

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

All: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

Leader: The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

All: We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.

Leader: The Spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.

All: We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.

Leader: Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.

All: We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #77 *How Great Thou Art* (v. 1, 2, 4)

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!
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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

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***How Great Thou Art**

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

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RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION OF LAY MINISTRIES*Follow along at the end of the bulletin, pages 6–8.***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 – Dennis**Create in Me (Psalm 51)**

Carlton Raymond Young

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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

Loving God, you call us not only to believe the gospel, but to live it. You test our hearts not with trials meant to break us, but through the daily invitation to serve, to love, and to share our lives with one another. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our willingness to embody the good news of Christ. Use what we offer to nurture communities of compassion, where faith is lived gently, courageously, and with humility. May our witness—like Paul's—be rooted not in pride or gain, but in love that gives itself freely for others. Amen.

(1 Thessalonians 2:1–8)

SCRIPTURE [Habakkuk 3:17–19](#), [Philippians 4:11–13](#) (NRSV)

Habakkuk 3

- 17 Though the fig tree does not blossom,
and no fruit is on the vines;
though the produce of the olive fails
and the fields yield no food;
though the flock is cut off from the fold
and there is no herd in the stalls,
18 yet I will rejoice in the LORD;
I will exult in the God of my salvation.
19 GOD, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
and makes me tread upon the heights.

Philippians 4

11 Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. 12 I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir**It Is Well With My Soul**

Horatio G. Spafford | Ville du Havre | Philip P. Bliss | John Ness Beck

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SERMON – Rev. Jacob Lee

Thankful Anyway

CLOSING HYMN FWS #2036 Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong";
Let the poor say, "I am rich,
because of what the Lord has done for us."

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Give thanks!

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - Hani

Postlude on "Fiducia"
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Thanksgiving for Lay Ministries in Worship

LAY LEADER: Today we give thanks for all who faithfully serve in our worship ministries. Your time, talents, and dedication enrich our worship and strengthen our church family.

As each ministry is named, we invite those who serve to please stand and be recognized:

Acolytes

Greeters and Ushers

Lay Readers

Musicians, Choir, and Music Librarian

Media Team

Communion Stewards and Helpers

Publications and Proofreaders

Caretakers of Banners and Paraments

Sanctuary Decorators

Worship Coordinators

Fellowship Committee

Facility Caretakers

Thank you for the many ways you serve—both seen and unseen. Through your faithful service, you help make worship welcoming, meaningful, and inspiring.

PASTOR: Worship is the work of the whole body of Christ. Today, we celebrate all who offer their gifts to help us worship God together.

CONGREGATION: We give thanks for all who serve faithfully. Your dedication, love, and hard work bless our church family.

PASTOR: From welcoming and reading Scripture to sharing music, preparing Communion, providing fellowship, caring for our sanctuary, and working behind the scenes, every act of service is important.

CONGREGATION: Thank you for sharing your time and talents in service to God and our church.

PASTOR: Through your service, we see the love and grace of Christ in action.

TOGETHER: Thanks be to God!

Thanksgiving for Lay Ministries in Mission

LAY LEADER: Today we celebrate and give thanks for all who faithfully serve in the ministries and mission of our church. Through your service, Christ's love is shared within our congregation, our community, and beyond.

As each ministry is named, we invite those who serve to please stand:

Outreach Ministry

Caring Ministry

Care Card Ministry

Prayer Quilt Ministry

Crochet and Prayer Ministry

Navarro Missionary Support

United Women in Faith

United Methodist Men

Apportionment Support

Lay Leadership, Church Council, Committees, and Filipino Fellowship

Thank you for giving your time, talents, resources, and hearts in service to God and others.

PASTOR: God's mission is carried forward through the faithful service of the whole body of Christ—lay and clergy together.

CONGREGATION: We give thanks for all who serve in mission and ministry. Through your dedication and love, God's presence is made known.

PASTOR: Through caring, giving, praying, leading, and serving, you bring hope and Christ's love to others.

CONGREGATION: Thank you for sharing your gifts to strengthen our church and serve our community and the world.

TOGETHER: Thanks be to God!

Thanksgiving for Lay Ministries in Teaching and Learning

LAY LEADER: Today we give thanks for all who teach, learn, and grow in faith within our church community.

As each group is named, we invite you to stand:

Sunday School Teachers and Nursery Volunteers

Sunday School Students and Nursery Children

Parents and Families

Bible Study Participants

Through teaching, learning, encouragement, and fellowship, you help nurture faith and strengthen our church family.

PASTOR: We give thanks for all who share their gifts, guide others, study God's Word, and grow in faith together.

CONGREGATION: We are grateful for your dedication and love. May God continue to guide and bless you as you teach, learn, and serve.

PASTOR: May we continue to grow together in wisdom, faith, and love.

TOGETHER: Thanks be to God. Amen.