



First United Methodist Church of Torrance

Online Church in Worship

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PRELUDE - Hani

This Is My Father's World

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The apostle Paul calls us to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." What is the mind of Jesus?

All: The mind of Jesus is to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Leader: Paul reminds us that "it is God who is at work in you." How is God at work in us?

All: God enables us through grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Leader: Paul exhorts us to "work on your own salvation with fear and trembling." How do we work on our own salvation?

All: We cooperate with grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Leader: Beloved, we gather to worship God who, through Jesus, shows us how to love and enables us to love as Christ loves us.

All: We gather to learn how to live in full accord through our love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries)

OPENING HYMN #647 *Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here*

1. Your love, O God, has called us here,
for all love finds its source in you,
the perfect love that casts out fear,
the love that Christ makes ever new.

2. O gracious God, you consecrate
all that is lovely, good, and true.
Bless those who in your presence wait
and every day their love renew.

3. O God of love, inspire our life,
reveal your will in all we do;
join every husband, every wife
in mutual love and love for you.

Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here

Russell Schultz Widmar

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SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION**TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH****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 - Ted, Susan, Richard, and Marshall**Shine On Us**

Michael W. & Debbie Smith | Arr. Joel Raney

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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

Humble Savior, you meet us at the start of every day and invite us to take on the mind of Christ. As we bring these gifts, set aside in us the need to win, to hoard, to be first. Shape us instead for love, for shared work, for joy in serving side by side. Use what we offer to build a community where sacrifice is natural, mercy is instinctive, and hope rises in every heart. Keep forming us, not by force but by grace, until our living begins to look like Jesus. We place our offerings—and ourselves—in your hands. Amen.

(Philippians 2:1–13)

SCRIPTURE Luke 10:25–37 (NRSV)

25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” 27 He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” 28 And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ 36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” 37 He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Response

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir

When We Walk With The Lord

Dale Grotenhuis

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SERMON – William

A Priest, A Levite, A Samaritan, Oh My!

CLOSING HYMN #432 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* (v. 1, 3, and 5)*Refrain*

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have
from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave
to them

Refrain

3. These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us
and you.

Refrain

5. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live
with you.

*Refrain***Jesu, Jesu**

Charles H. Webb | Tom Colvin

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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE – Hani****Victory Through Christ**

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