Announcements

- Children and youth are invited to Faith Formation class following the Passing of the Peace. We also have a hugging room at the back of the sanctuary for parents with young children to use as desired.
- Join our hybrid Bible Study on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Jim
 if you would like to receive a Zoom link to join virtually.

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AUGUST 10, 2025

PRELUDE "Prelude in d minor"

J.S. Bach

"Sonatina"

Christian Ritter

WELCOME Rev. Suzanne Malloy

*CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

Meaghan Robinson

Leader: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not

seen.

People: Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don't know where

we are going.

Leader: By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations, whose

architect and builder is God.

People: Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #11 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"

Verse 1

O Lord, how shall I meet You, How welcome you aright?

Your people long to greet You, My Hope, my heart's Delight!

O kindle, Lord most holy, A lamp within my breast,

To do in spirit lowly All that may please You best.

Verse 2

Love caused Your incarnation, Love brought You down to me;

Your thirst for my salvation Procured my liberty.

O love beyond all telling, That led you to embrace

In love all loves excelling Our lost and fallen race.

Verse 3

*please rise in body or spirit

A glorious crown You give me, A treasure safe on high,

That will not fail nor leave me As earthly riches fly.

My heart shall bloom forever For You with praises new,

And from Your Name shall never Withhold the honor due.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Meaghan Robinson

Sin hinders us and prevents us from receiving God's Word. Let us open our hearts to God's truth and liberate ourselves to walk Christ's path.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of Hope and Promise, we admit that our faith sometimes falters. We acknowledge that our doubts and grievances often overwhelm. We struggle to comprehend our own suffering and that of others. Pardon us when we lose faith in you and in ourselves. Guide us back to harmonious relationships. Encourage us to stay engaged and committed to meaningful dialogues filled with grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God's grace is given freely. God's love is steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven, and live liberated from sin to the glory of God. Amen.

SPECIAL Music "Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door" Spiritual, arr Moses Hogan

Larry Saddler, bass

Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Oh, sinner, why don't you answer?

Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Can't you hear him?

Sounds like Jesus

Jesus calls you.

Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Oh, sinner, why don't you answer?

Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Somebody's knockin' at your door.

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Song of Preparation "Lord Prepare Me"

Spirit Pulse Praise Band; Don Davis, Kris Warner, Janet Votaw, Ann Lawler, Alison and Ernie Tamminga

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, your Word directs every step we take. Help us listen closely to your Word as it is read and preached today, so we may understand your message and follow your will. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 12:32-40

³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will

*please rise in body or spirit

fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.

38 If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 39 "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

MESSAGE "Restraint, Respect, and Reciprocity: Dynamic Readiness"

Rev. Suzanne Malloy

SONG OF RESPONSE

"10,000 Steps"

Spirit Pulse Praise Band; Don Davis, Kris Warner, Janet Votaw,

Ann Lawler, Alison and Ernie Tamminga

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good

and makes everyone equally in God's image,

male and female, of every race and people,

to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,

we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,

accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people

to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel

from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

God is faithful still.

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

"He Leadeth Me"

Jason D. Payne

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #422 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Verse 1

^{*}please rise in body or spirit

God, whose giving knows no ending, From Your rich and endless store,

Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door:

Gifted by You, we turn to You, Offering up ourselves in praise;

Thankful song shall rise forever, Gracious donor of our days.

Verse 2

Skills and time are ours for pressing Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:

All at peace in health and freedom, Races joined, the church made one.

Now direct our daily labor, Lest we strive for self alone;

Born with talents, make us servants Fit to answer at Your throne.

Verse 3

Treasure too You have entrusted, Gain through powers Your grace conferred;

Ours to use for home and kindred, And to spread the gospel Word.

Open wide our hands, in sharing, As we heed Christ's ageless call,

Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, Serving You by loving all.

*Benediction Rev. Suzanne Malloy

POSTLUDE "Voluntary in A Major" William Selby

