

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

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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.”

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In everlasting love,

Verse 1

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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

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