

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.
- Flu Shot Clinic: Jan Fadden our Parish Nurse will be conducting a flu shot clinic following worship this morning.
- Growing to Know God More Deeply: Wednesdays October 29 - November 12. The sanctuary will be open for guided spiritual practices and prayer. Drop in any time between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and stay as long as you'd like.
- Love of God: Leadership team meets Sundays at 12:30 p.m. The L.O.G. retreat is November 7th - 9th. It is for youth, grades 8 - 12 and they are invited to attend.

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 26, 2025

PRELUDE

"Variations on "Foundation"

Janet Linker

WELCOME

Rev. Jim Pazan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder Craig Fry

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: his steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***SONG OF PRAISE**

"10,000 Reasons"

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

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

*please rise in body or spirit

Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus x2

Ending

Lord I'll worship Your holy name

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Craig Fry

Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us open ourselves in this time of prayer, being truthful in our confession as we humble ourselves before our God. Let us confess our sins: first silently and then together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, your truth is so often sharp and unsettling. We confess the ways we skirt the hard edges of your Word, turn up the volume on lesser noises, and lean into the comfort of our own certainty rather than submit to the discomfort of your challenge. You send us messengers, and we sidestep them; you challenge us, and we defend ourselves. Again and again, Holy God, we resist what we do not want to hear. And yet you keep calling. Have

mercy on us. Interrupt our evasions. Soften what pride has hardened in us. Let us hear and receive your truth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn?

People: Only Christ,

Leader: and Christ died for us,

People: Christ rose for us,

Leader: Christ reigns in power for us,

People: Christ prays for us.

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Amen!

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Celtic Prayer”

Mark Cabaniss, arr John Purifoy

Hear my voice, most gracious Lord.

O hear the prayer within my soul.

May the words rise to you

With songs of praise.

Give me peace, touch my heart

To feel your everlasting love.

Hear my prayer, Holy Lord,

In the morning when I rise.

Lead my life, most faithful Lord,

To seek your thoughts and know your will.

*please rise in body or spirit

For my soul longs to dwell within your care

Give me strength, guide my steps

To live according to your Word.

Lead my life, Holy Lord,

In the beauty of your grace.

Search me, O Lord, and know my heart.

Try me, O God, and know my thoughts.

Find any wrong that dwells within my heart,

And lead me forever in your everlasting love.

I will sing with all my heart.

I sing of God's unchanging love.

For his mercy endures forevermore.

May my trust rest in God

To know the fullness of his grace.

Hear my prayer, Holy Lord,

In the stillness of this hour.

Hear my prayer, Holy Lord,

In the stillness of this hour.

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: **And also with you**

HYMN OF PREPARATION #316 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Verse 1

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,

That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.

Verse 2

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure,

Until with Thee I will one will, To do and to endure.

Verse 3

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,

Until this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine.

Verse 4

Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die,

But live with Thee the perfect life Of Thine eternity.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Wisdom and Grace, you speak through your Word read and proclaimed.

Prepare us, then, to listen well. Open our ears to your truth; open our minds to the unexpected. Humble us here, in your presence, so nothing stands in the way — not pride, not distraction, not weary hearts. Let your Word reach us as we are now. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 18:9-14

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful

*please rise in body or spirit

to me, a sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

MESSAGE “The Other One” Rev. Jim Pazan

HYMN OF RESPONSE #298 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Verse 1

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, Like the wideness of the sea;
There’s a kindness in God's justice, Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth’s sorrows Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth’s failings Have such kindly judgment given.

Verse 2

For the love of God is broader Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, We would gladly trust God's word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving For the goodness of our Lord.

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD “Be Thou My Vision” Joel Raney

*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 Elder Craig Fry

*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 #467 “How Great Thou Art”

Verse 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 pow’r thru’out, The universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art
Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art

Verse 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**

Verse 3

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**

Verse 4

*please rise in body or spirit

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***

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jim Pazan

POSTLUDE

“How Firm a Foundation”

Donald Hustad

*please rise in body or spirit