

## 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.
- Questers will meet in the Common Room tomorrow, Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Monday's lesson is Finding Our Joy in Christ: "I Will Say it Again, Rejoice." Afterwards we will share a salad luncheon. Hostesses are Mary Ellen Kestel and Marilyn Gross. Charlene Doty will be our guide as we study the lesson. Contact Marilyn Gross at (805) 451-5879 for more information.
- **Easter Candy Collection:** Our children and youth are assembling **65 Easter baskets** for the SB Transition House, and we need your help to fill them!
  - **Candy Needed:** Please bring candy donations for the baskets and our upcoming GPC Egg Hunt.
  - **Sponsor a Basket:** Give **\$20** to sponsor a full basket for a child at the Transition House.

**GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**MARCH 8, 2026**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**PRELUDE** Variations on "Foundation" Janet Linker

**WELCOME** Rev. Jim Pazan

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 95* Ernie and  
Alison Tamminga

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great ruler above all gods. In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God's also.

**People: The sea is the Lord's, for God made it, and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.**

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**People: For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #469 "Morning Has Broken"**

**Verse 1**

Morning has broken like the first morning,

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

body or spirit

\*please rise in

Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

## **Verse 2**

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,

Like the first dew fall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,

Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

## **Verse 3**

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning

Born of the One Light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,

God's recreation of the new day!

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Ernie and Alison Tamminga

As we wander through the wilderness of Lent, we come closer and closer to confronting human sin, both our own sin and our collective sin. It is with honesty about how we have hurt others, and hurt ourselves, that we can move closer to the healing that God wills for us. Confession allows us to exercise such honesty, knowing that the God who hears us is the God who already loves us. Therefore, we need not fear confession, but draw near to the love in God, in honesty and candor, first in silence, and then together.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of endless renewal, God who calls us to lives restored, God who rescues the lost and saves the afflicted, there are times when our way grows confused. We struggle to know what to do. Or worse, we know what needs to be done and find it easier to stay on the wrong path. Forgive us for failing to heed opportunities to follow a better way.**

**Remind us that you stand more ready to forgive than we are to confess those aspects of our lives that stand in need of your grace. And thus forgiven, help us to lean into what you would teach us about how we are to be. We pray all these things in Jesus' name, and for his sake. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Leader: "Who is to condemn?"

**People: It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes who was raised, who is at the right hand of God who indeed intercedes for us.**

Leader: Believe the promise of the gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "The Call" David Ashley White

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life;*

*Such a way as gives us breath,*

*Such a truth as ends all strife,*

*Such a life as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength;*

*Such a light as shows a feast,*

*Such a feast as mends in length,*

*Such a strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart;*

*Such a joy as none can move,*

*Such a love as none can part,*

*Such a heart as joys in love.*

**PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you**

**SONG OF PREPARATION** "Come Just as You Are"

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

**Verse 1 x2**

Come just as you are Hear the Spirit call

Come just as you are

Come and see Come receive

Come and live forever

**Chorus**

Life everlasting, Strength for today

Taste the living waters

And never thirst again

**Bridge**

Come and see Come receive

Come and live forever

**Chorus**

**Verse 2**

Come just as you are

Don't you hear the Spirit call?

Come just as you are

Come and see Christ my King

Come and live forevermore

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

May the words of my mouth, and the meditations of all of our hearts, be acceptable, even pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our strength and redeemer. Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 7:24-28**

<sup>24</sup> “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!” <sup>28</sup> Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

### **MESSAGE**

“Follow Him”

Rev. Jim Pazan

### **HYMN OF RESPONSE #333 “Seek Ye First”**

#### **Verse 1**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness  
And all these things Shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

#### **Verse 2**

Ask and it shall be given unto you Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door Shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

**OFFERING** “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” Emma Lou Diemer

**\*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 #343 "Called As Partners In Christ's Service"**

**Verse 1**

Called as partners in Christ's service Called to ministries of grace  
We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace  
May we learn the art of sharing Side by side and friend with friend  
Equal partners in our caring To fulfil God's chosen end

**Verse 2**

Christ's example Christ's inspiring Christ's clear call to work and worth  
Let us follow never faltering Reconciling folk on earth  
Men and women richer poorer All God's people young and old  
Blending human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold

**Verse 3**

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission In a small or global sense  
Help us bear each other's burdens Breaking down each wall or fence

Words of comfort words of vision Words of challenge said with care  
Bring new power and strength for action Make us colleagues free and fair

**Verse 4**

So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife  
Make us partners in our living Our compassion to increase  
Messengers of faith thus giving Hope and confidence and peace

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jim Pazan

**POSTLUDE** "Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him" Anna Laura Page