

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.
- **Holy Week and Easter Sunday**
 - Maundy Thursday Worship and Soup Dinner: Thursday, April 2nd 5:00 p.m. in the Common Room. (We need 6 people to bring a soup to share: sign up today on the patio)
 - Good Friday Contemplative Service: Friday, April 3rd 12:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.
 - Easter Sunday Worship – Sunday, April 5th 9:30 a.m. Potluck and Egg hunt following worship. All children and youth are invited to participate in the egg hunt. Friends are welcome! You are also invited to bring a dish to share for the potluck.
- **Document Shredding Opportunity!**: If you have documents you need to securely dispose of, you are welcome to bring them to the office, Tuesday, March 31st or Wednesday April 1st between 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. to have them all shredded at no cost.

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY

PRELUDE “Variations of “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” Wilbur Held,
Austin Lovelace, Robert Powell

WELCOME Rev. Jim Pazan

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Kris Warner

Leader: “Hosanna!” They shouted. “Save us!”

People: “Hosanna!” We’re shouting. “Save us!”

Leader: Savior, ride into our hearts again,

People: wash us with excitement and hope,

Leader: give us a reason to praise

People: and to shout again, “Hosanna! Hosanna!”

***HYMN OF PRAISE #88** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Refrain:

All glory, laud and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King!

To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

Verse 1

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David’s royal Son,

Who in the Lord’s name comest, The King and blessèd One. **(Refrain)**

Verse 2

The people of the Hebrews With palms before Thee went;

Our praise and prayers and anthems Before Thee we present. **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

*please rise in body or spirit

To Thee, before Thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise;

To Thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. **(Refrain)**

Verse 4

Thou didst accept their praises;

Accept the prayers we bring,

Who in all good delightest,

Thou good and gracious King! [Refrain]

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kris Warner

When we say, “We don’t sin,” we deny who we are. But when we say, “There’s no way out,” we deny who God is. Trusting that God’s grace is more powerful than our sin, let us confess our sins, first silently and then together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that amidst all the Palm Sunday crowds, we find ourselves in more turmoil than triumph. Our faith is unsteady. Our wisdom is eroding. Our resolve is shaken. Our mercy is hardening. Our hope is weakening. Come again and save us from these sins. Give us strength to follow you, our humble Savior, our wise fool, our all in all. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: Hear this promise: Jesus has set his face toward the cross.

People: Nothing we can do can deter him.

Leader: He has determined that we are worth saving.

People: By the power of the cross, by the power of wondrous love, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“King of Glory”

C. Harry Causey

The King of Glory may come in.

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I will lift up my head,

I will open the gates,

That the King of Glory may come in.

The King of Glory may come in.

The King of Glory may come in.

I will lift up my head,

I will open wthe gates,

That the King of Glory may come in.

Who is the King, the King of Glory?

The Lord strong and mighty:

He is the King.

Lift up yout heads, O ancient doors,

That the King of Glory may come in.

The King of Glory may come in.

The King of Glory may come in.

I will lift up my head;

I will open the gates

That the King of Glory, the King of Glory,

The King of Glory may come in.

I will lift up my head;

I will open the gates

That the King of Glory may come in.

PEACE OF CHRIST

*please rise in body or spirit

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

SONG OF PREPARATION “Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)”

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

Verse 1

Praise is rising, Eyes are turning to You, We turn to You
Hope is stirring, Hearts are yearning for You, We long for You

Pre-Chorus

'Cause when we see You, We find strength to face the day
In Your presence, All our fears are washed away (Washed away)

Chorus

Hosanna, hosanna
You are the God who saves us, Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us, We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Verse 2

Hear the sound of, Hearts returning to You, We turn to You
In Your Kingdom, Broken lives are made new, You make us new

Ending

Hosanna hosanna

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, share with us your wisdom; gift us with your hope; sustain us with your truth. Be in our hearing and our thinking, that through the words of Scripture we might know your call on our lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 21:1-11

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

MESSAGE

“The Announcement”

Rev. Jim Pazan

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *Philippians 2:5-11*)

Leader: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

People: who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

Leader: but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

*please rise in body or spirit

People: **And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.**

Leader: Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

People: **so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,**

Leader: in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

People: **and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

OFFERING “Hosanna to the Lord” Bradley Ellingboe

*Prepare the royal highway,
The King of kings is near!
Let every hill and valley
A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory,
Foretold in sacred story.
Hosanna to the Lord,
For he fulfills God’s Word.*

*God’s people see him coming;
Your own eternal King.
Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God’s promise will not fail you.
No more shall doubt assail you.
Hosanna to the Lord!
For he fulfills God’s Word.*

*Then fling the gates wide open
To greet your promised king.
Your king, yet every nation
Its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him,
Their voices join your singing.
His is no earthy kingdom:
It comes from heaven above.*

*His rule is peace and freedom,
And justice, truth and love.
So let your praise be sounding
For kindness so abounding.
Hosanna to the Lord.
For He fulfills God’s Word.*

***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 Kris Warner

*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 #89**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

**please rise in body or spirit*

Verse 1

Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple The joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.

Verse 2

From Olivet they followed 'Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, And chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven Ride on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.

Verse 3

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Jim Pazan

POSTLUDE

“The Palms”

Jean Baptiste Faure