

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.
- Questers Women's Bible Study meets Monday, April 13th at 10:30 a.m. in the Common Room. We will be reading and discussing lesson 7, which is entitled, "The Woman Who Was Bent Over." We finish around 12:45 after sharing light refreshments. Extra copies of lesson are available. Plan to join us. Questions? Text or call Marilyn Gross (805) 451-5879

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 12, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE "Liturgical Improvisation on Psalm 84:2" George Oldroyd

WELCOME Rev. Jim Pazan

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Elder Sandy Adams

Leader: Great is the mystery of the faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

People: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #464** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

*please rise in body or spirit

Verse 3

Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Sandy Adams

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Let us confess our sin before God and one another, trusting in God's gracious promise of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead never to die again, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: "The scriptures teach: "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

People: We confess that Jesus is Lord and we believe and celebrate the good news that God raised him from the dead.

Leader: Trust in this promise: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Movement 3, Allegro Giocoso"

Ernest Bloch

Everett Pazan, flute

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

SONG OF PREPARATION YELLOW BOOK #35 "Refiners Fire"

Verse 1

Purify my heart Let me be as gold...and precious silver
Purify my heart Let me be as gold...pure gold

Chorus

Refiner's fire, my hearts one desire

Is to be holy, set apart for you Lord

I choose to be holy, set apart for you my Master

Ready to do Your will.

Verse 2

Purify my heart Cleanse me from within...and make me holy

Purify my heart Cleanse from my sin...deep within

Chorus x2

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, we know that all Scripture is inspired by you and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to you may be proficient, equipped for every good work. As we hear the good news this Easter season, may we come to believe more and more that Jesus is the Messiah, your Son and that through believing we may have life in his name. Amen.

*please rise in body or spirit

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

MESSAGE "Oh The Humanity" Rev. Jim Pazan

HYMN OF RESPONSE #277 "O God, Our Faithful God"

Verse 1

O God, our faithful God, O fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing,
Grant us a faithful life, And give us, Lord, within,
Commitment free from strife, A soul unhurt by sin.

Verse 2

God, grant us strength to do With ready heart and willing,
Whatever You command, Our calling here fulfilling;
And do it when we ought, With zeal and joyfulness;
And bless the work we've wrought, For You must give success.

Verse 3

If dangers gather round, Still keep us calm and fearless;
Help us to bear the cross When life is bleak and cheerless,
To overcome our foes With words and actions kind;
O God, Your will disclose, Your counsel let us find.

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" Martha Sobaje

***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 Sandy Adams

*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.*

*please rise in body or spirit

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 #420** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Verse 1

God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient Church's story; Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

Verse 2

Lo! the hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; Free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

Verse 3

Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Verse 4

Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
That we fail not them nor Thee, That we fail not them nor Thee!

Verse 5

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore:

Let the search for Thy salvation Be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,

Serving Thee whom we adore, Serving Thee whom we adore.

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jim Pazan

POSTLUDE

"Sortie"

Everett Titcomb

*please rise in body or spirit