

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.
- Thank you to the Central Coast Recorder Society: CCRS players: Karen Bergen, Mary Ferris, Mary Ballard, Tom Webster, Kent Hanson, Chet Stussy, Louise Keeler.
- 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

APRIL 19, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in C”

J.S. Bach

Central Coast Recorder Society

WELCOME

Rev. Jim Pazan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

People: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

Leader: in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

People: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #491 “Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

Verse 1

Stand up and bless the Lord, Ye people of God's choice;

Stand up and bless the Lord your God With heart and soul and voice.

Verse 2

Though high above all praise, Above all blessing high,

Who would not fear God's holy name, And laud and magnify?

Verse 3

O for the living flame From God's own altar brought,

To touch our lips, our minds inspire, And wing to heaven our thought!

Verse 4

God is our strength and song, Now is salvation ours;

Then be God's love in Christ proclaimed With all our ransomed powers.

*please rise in body or spirit

Verse 5

Stand up and bless the Lord; The Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless God's glorious name; Henceforth forevermore.

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 Peter 1:21 says, "Through Christ you have come to trust in God, who raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God." It is because of our trust in the resurrection that each week we confess together the ways our faith and hope have not been set on God. When we confess, we name our sins and commit to turn toward the life God calls us into again. With that in mind we join our voices praying together after a time of silent prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, even as we proclaim the saving life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we fail to see the living Christ in our midst. We find ourselves preoccupied with our own well-being and success, forgetting your imperative to love our neighbor as ourselves. We turn away from systems that challenge our way of thinking, choosing to justify our actions instead of examining our intentions. Show us again how to live a resurrection faith, a faith that sees life and hope in the midst of death and destruction. Transform our hearts so that where they are hardened toward you, neighbor and self, they may once again be filled with love and moved to actions of grace and mercy. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: In Acts 2:39, Peter says: "For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." Receive the good news,

People: In Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Make My Life an Alleluia"

Ruth Elaine Schram

*Make my life an alleluia,
A song of praise to you each day.
To proclaim your grace and glory,
Fill my heart with your praise, I pray.*

*When I stand at the mountain top,
Or the valley of despair,
This will be my cry, my song, my prayer:
Lord, make my life an alleluia.*

*Make my life an alleluia,
A gift of love to you, my King.
I will join with all creation
In the song that the heavens sing!*

*The earth will turn, and the planets spin
As the seasons ebb and flow,
Still your grace surrounds me as I go.
Lord, make my life an alleluia.*

*Make my life an alleluia,
This offering of myself I give to you.
I will share your grace and mercy
For as long as I shall live.*

*please rise in body or spirit

*When I come to my journey's end,
May I ne'er forget, but remember,
This has been my cry, my song, my prayer:
Lord, make my life an alleluia.
Lord, make my life an alleluia.*

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Ave Regina Coelorum"

Guillaume DuFay

Central Coast Recorder Society

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Creator, reveal yourself to us in the reading and proclamation of your Word. Give us ears to hear your voice, eyes that see you among us, and hearts that are willing to follow where you lead. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be

condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

MESSAGE

"Clear Vision"

Rev. Jim Pazan

HYMN OF RESPONSE #322

"Spirit of the Living God"

*please rise in body or spirit

Verse 1

Spirit of the Living God, Fall a-fresh on me
Spirit of the Living God, Fall a-fresh on me
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,
Spirit of the Living God, Fall a-fresh on me

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD "Petite Camusette" Josquin des Prez
Central Coast Recorder Society

***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 #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

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**

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POSTLUDE "Prelude and Fugue" J.S. Bach
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