

## 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 Women's Bible Study meets Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the Common Room. We will be reading and discussing lesson 8, which is entitled, "*remembering Jesus' Baptism.*" 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
- On Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>, a new Adult Ed class "The Prayer Course," will be starting. It will last for eight weeks and be held in the Common Room from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**MAY 10, 2026**

### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### **PRELUDE**

Settings of "Hyfrydol," "Wer nur den lieben Gott"  
and "Hymn to Joy"

Paul Manz

#### **WELCOME**

Rev. Jim Pazan

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder Deb Artz

Leader: We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

**People: Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.**

Leader: We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried, and now risen indeed!

**People: Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.**

Leader: We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide!

**People: Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.**

Leader: We gather to celebrate the ancient hope of Christians:

**People: God is with us and will never let us go.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE #376** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#### **Verse 1**

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;

Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

#### **Verse 2**

\*please rise in body or spirit

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast!

Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest;

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

### **Verse 3**

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;

Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,

Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

### **Verse 4**

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;

Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Elder Deb Artz

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and humility, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Ever-present God, we come before you knowing we have ignored your promised Holy Spirit living within us. Therefore, we forfeit peace and bear needless worry. We become confused and deaf to your voice of truth. We struggle with obedience to your Word and fight an overwhelming sense of loneliness. Forgive us! Help us to remember that we are never alone, that**

**you are with us and for us, by the power of your Spirit abiding in us, the Spirit of Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Leader: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

"If You Love Me"

Eugene Butler

*If you love me, keep my commandments,*

*And my Father will be with you.*

*He will give you another Counselor*

*To be always with you.*

*I will not leave you desolate,*

*For I will come, will come to you.*

*For you will see me;*

*Because I live, you will live also.*

*My Father is the husbandman.*

*You abide in me, and I in you.*

*I am the true vine, you are the branches;*

*All who abide in me will bear much fruit.*

*If you love me, keep my commandments,*

*And my Father will be with you.*

*He will give you another Counselor*

*To be always with you.*

\*please rise in body or spirit

*If you love me, keep my commandments,  
And my Father will be with you.  
He will give you another Counselor  
To be always with you.  
Even the Spirit of truth,  
The Holy Spirit, will be with you.*

**PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: **And also with you**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #555** "Now Thank We All Our God"

**Verse 1**

Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

**Verse 2**

O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace, And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

**Verse 3**

All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven,  
To Father and to Son And Spirit now be given.  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore,  
The God who was, and is, And shall be evermore.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Come Holy Spirit! As the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, bear witness to the truth in our hearts and minds, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING: John 15:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

**MESSAGE**

"A Personal Friend"

Rev. Jim Pazan

**HYMN OF RESPONSE #388** "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

**Verse 1**

O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway If Thou wilt be my guide.

**Verse 2**

O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me, Around me and within;  
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer, And shield my soul from sin.

\*please rise in body or spirit

**Verse 3**

O let me hear Thee speaking In accents clear and still,  
 Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self will;  
 O speak to reassure me, To hasten or control;  
 O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

**Verse 4**

O Jesus, Thou hast promised To all who follow Thee  
 That where Thou art in glory There shall Thy servant be;  
 And, Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;  
 O give me grace to follow, My Master and my friend.

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD** “Be Thou My Vision” Paul Manz

**\*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 Deb Artz

*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 SONG** “We Are the Family of God”  
 Spirit Pulse Praise Band; Don Davis, Kris Warner, Janet Votaw,  
 Ann Lawler, Alison and Ernie Tamminga

**Chorus**

We are the family of God  
 Yes, we are the family of God  
 And he’s brought us together to be one in Him  
 That we might bring light to the world

**Verse 1**

Go make disciples of all lives  
 Go show them my way is true  
 Tell them the wonderful story  
 That they might be one in me too

**Chorus****Verse 2**

Let them know life in the making  
 Let them know peace from above  
 Show them by your own example  
 Of Love in the family of God

**Chorus****Verse 3**

Bigger and better is my love  
 That I have bestowed unto you  
 Now it’s for each one to share of  
 That all things might now become new

**Chorus**

**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Jim Pazan

**POSTLUDE** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” Paul Manz

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