

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.
- Following fellowship this morning, 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.
- Jan Fadden, our Parish Nurse, will be on the patio today to provide health checks and answer questions.

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 17, 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE

"Morning Hymns"

Wilbur Held

WELCOME

Rev. Jim Pazan

CHOIR ANTHEM

"How Can I Keep from Singing?"

arr Jeffrey Honore

19th century American gospel hymn

My life goes on in endless song,

Above earth's lamentation.

I hear the real though far off hymn

That hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm

While to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,

How can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,

I hear that music ringing.

It sounds and echoes in my soul;

How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm,

When to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,

How can I keep from singing?

*please rise in body or spirit

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am his;
How can I keep from singing?*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

***CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 47**

Elder Janet Votaw

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples;

People: shout to God with loud songs of joy.

Leader: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,

People: a great king over all the earth.

Leader: God has gone up with a shout,

People: the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises;

People: sing praises to our King, sing praises.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” arr Virgil Thomson

Southern Harmony hymn tune

*My Shepherd will supply my need,
Jehovah is his Name.*

*In pastures fresh he makes me feed
Beside the living stream.*

*He brings my wandering spirit back
When I forsake his ways.*

He leads me, for his mercy's sake

In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death,

Thy presence is my stay.

One word of thy supporting breath

Drives all my fears away.

Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,

Doth still my table spread.

My cup with blessings overflows,

Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God

Attend me all my days.

O may thy house be my abode

And all my work be praise.

There would I find a settled rest

While others go and come.

No more a stranger or a guest,

But like a child at home.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janet Votaw

Too often in the season of Eastertide, we are quick to roll the stone back over the entrance to the tomb. Our hallelujahs are robust and loud on Easter Sunday, but a few weeks in, we begin to mistrust the promises of the resurrection. Nonetheless, God stands always ready to restore us to wholeness. With the confidence of God's beloved, let us confess together in song, knowing that the God who hears us, loves us, and will forgive and renew us.

HYMN OF CONFESSION #347 “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

*please rise in body or spirit

Verse 1

Forgive our sins as we forgive, You taught us Lord to pray
But You alone can grant us grace, To live the words we say

Verse 2

How can Your pardon reach and bless, The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let, Old bitterness depart

Verse 3

In blazing light Your cross reveals, The truth we dimly knew
How small the debts men owe to us, How great our debt to You

Verse 4

Lord cleanse the depths within our souls, And bid resentment cease
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also
with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

**People: Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to
more and more people may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of
God.**

Leader: Believe the promise of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CHOIR ANTHEM "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" by Georg Neumark
17th century German Chorale

*If thou but suffer God to guide thee,
And trust in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days.*

*Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the Rock that naught can move.*

*Only be still and wait His leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure
And all discerning love hath sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known
To Him who chose us for his own.*

*Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving;
In all thy labor faithful be,
And trust His Word, though undeserving,
Thou yet shall find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need
The soul that trusts in Him indeed.*

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

SONG OF PREPARATION "Blessed Be Your Name"

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

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: Acts 1:6-14

*please rise in body or spirit

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

MESSAGE “Patient Prayer” Rev. Jim Pazan

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD “Take My Life” Craig Courtney

*Take my life and let it be
 Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
 Take my hands, and let them move
 At the impulse of Thy love.
 Take my hands and let them move
 At the impulse of Thy love.*

*Take my feet, and let them be
 Swift and beautiful for Thee;
 Take my voice and let me sing
 Always only for my King.
 Take my voice and let me sing
 Always only for my King.*

*Take my silver and my gold,
 Not a mite would I withhold;
 Take my moments and my days,
 Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
 Take my moments and my days,
 Let them flow in ceaseless praise,*

*Take my will and make it Thine;
 It shall be no longer mine;
 Take my heart, it is Thine own;
 It shall be Thy royal Throne.
 Take my heart, it is Thine own;
 It shall be Thy royal Throne.*

***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.*

HYMN #276
Verse 1 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*please rise in body or spirit

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Verse 2

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)

Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elder Janet Votaw

*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 ANTHEM** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" arr David Kidwell

African-American Spiritual

I'm gonna live so God can use me,

Any time, Lord, anywhere.

I'm gonna live so God can use me,

Any time, Lord, anywhere.

I'm gonna work so God can use me,

Any time, Lord, anywhere.

I'm gonna work so God can use me,

Any time, Lord anywhere.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me,

Any time, Lord, anywhere.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me,

Any time, Lord, anywhere.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me,

Any time, Lord, anywhere.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me,

Any time, Lord, anywhere

I'm gonna live so God can use me,

Any time, Lord, anywhere.

*please rise in body or spirit

*I'm gonna live so God can use me,
Any time, Lord, anywhere, Lord,
Any time, Lord, anywhere.
I'm gonna live.*

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jim Pazan

POSTLUDE

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Paul Manz

*please rise in body or spirit