

Announcements

- Summer Faith Formation for children ages 3-7 (through 2nd grade) will take place in the Sanctuary Hugging Room. Our wonderful intern, Angelia, along with parent volunteers will be available to teach and provide childcare throughout July, and August. Students grades 3 and up are invited to remain in the worship service.
- Haven Youth Summer Events facilitated by Ryan Radujko:
 - Haven Lunch at GPC: August 9th 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
 - Beach BBQ at Goleta Beach: August 16th 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (Training will be provided for all tasks)

- In order to sustain the care for our GPC grounds we need more volunteers. Currently we have 4, so if you are interested, please contact Kris Warner, Deb Artz or Marilyn Gross.
- Longtime members Steve and Marsha Martin are moving to Texas in October. We are looking for volunteers who want to learn how to help run the Soundboard during our services and also someone to count the Offertory money on a rotating schedule. Please reach out to Janet Votaw or Tom Koch respectively.

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 26, 2026

PRELUDE	“But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own”	Felix Mendelssohn
	“O for the Wings of a Dove”	Felix Mendelssohn
WELCOME AND INVOCATION		Susan Solano
*CALL TO WORSHIP <i>(from Psalm 105)</i>		Kris Warner
Leader:	Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;	
People:	make known his deeds among the peoples.	
Leader:	Sing to him, sing praises to him;	
People:	tell of all his wonderful works.	
Leader:	Glory in his holy name;	
People:	let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.	
HYMN OF PRAISE #487	“When Morning Gilds the Skies”	
Verse 1		
	When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries:	
	May Jesus Christ be praised!	
	Alike at work and prayer To Jesus I repair	
	May Jesus Christ be praised!	
Verse 2		
	Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find	
	May Jesus Christ be praised!	
	Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this	
	May Jesus Christ be praised!	
Verse 3		
	Let earth's wide circle round In joyful notes resound	

*please rise in body or spirit

May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky From depth to height reply
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Verse 4

Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song Through all the ages long
May Jesus Christ be praised!

CALL TO CONFESSION Kris Warner

Happy are those who fear the Lord, who walk in God’s ways. We come to this time of confession, seeking to walk in God’s ways, aware that we often take other paths that do not lead to abundant life. We trust God’s mercy and his promise to forgive as we, first silently and then together with the words in the bulletin, name the ways in which we have fallen short and failed to follow Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of grace, we want to understand what the kingdom of heaven is like, but our minds are clouded by cares and concerns of the world. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes in mysterious ways. We fail to be wholehearted in our faith and discipleship. We fail to put our trust in the treasures of your kingdom instead of the treasures of the world. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, give us eyes to see and ears to hear your good news for the world even here and now. Transform our lives and our world by your grace and in your mercy redirect us so that we can once again walk in your ways. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: Friends, hear these words and listen to this good news; the mercy of the Lord will never end. Our God does not abandon us to sin or brokenness.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC “O Rest in the Lord” Felix Mendelssohn

Steve Solano, bass

*O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him
And He shall give thee thy heart’s desires
O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him
And He shall give thee thy heart’s desires*

*Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him
Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him
And fret not thyself because of evil doers.
O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him*

*O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him
And He shall give thee thy heart’s desires
And He shall give thee thy heart’s desires
And He shall give thee thy heart’s desires*

*O rest in the Lord, O rest in the Lord
And wait, wait patiently for Him*

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 “Here I Am To Worship” Yellow Songbook #24

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

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness
Open my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You’re my God
You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth
You created All for love’s sake became poor

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You’re my God
You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me

And I'll never know how much it cost, To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost, To see my sin upon that cross

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You’re my God
You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness
Open my eyes, let me see

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Yvonne Bazinet

Inspire us and guide us that Your words we read today might become living words in our hearts and lives as we encounter the grace, love and peace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 13:44-45

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;”

MESSAGE “Treasure Hunting” Yvonne Bazinet

HYMN OF RESPONSE #483 “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

Verse 1

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul is filled, And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!

Verse 2

What God's almighty power hath made, God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of Gods's might, Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

Verse 3

The Lord is never far away, But through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay, Our peace, and joy, and blessing;

*please rise in body or spirit

To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises

That all may hear the grateful song My voice unwearied raises

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and body take your part:

To God all praise and glory!

***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.

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 #302** “I Danced in the Morning”

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,

and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,

And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;

At Bethlehem I had My birth

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,

And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,

But they would not dance and they would not follow me;

I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;

They came with me and the dance went on

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,

And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,

the holy people said it was a shame

They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me high,

And left me there on a cross to die

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,

And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;

It's hard to dance with the devil on your back

*please rise in body or spirit

They buried My body and they thought I’d gone:

But I am the dance and I still go on

Chorus

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,

And I’ll lead you all, wherever you may be,

And I’ll lead you all in the dance, said He

Verse 5

They cut Me down and I leapt up high; I am the life that will never, never die;

I’ll live in you if you’ll live in Me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he

Chorus

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,

And I’ll lead you all, wherever you may be,

And I’ll lead you all in the dance, said He

***BENEDICTION**

Yvonne Bazinet

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare in C for Daily Living”

Charles Ore

*please rise in body or spirit