

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 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 and Sept. 13th 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
 - LOG 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

AUGUST 2, 2026

PRELUDE	“Settings of “Morning Has Broken”	Fred Binckes and James Southbridge
WELCOME AND INVOCATION		Susan Solano
*CALL TO WORSHIP <i>(from Psalm 100)</i>		Mary Ellen Kestel
Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.		
People: Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing.		
Leader: Know that the Lord is God.		
People: We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.		
Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.		
People: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.		
HYMN OF PRAISE #469 “Morning Has Broken”		
Verse 1		
Morning has broken Like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!		
Verse 2		
Sweet the rain's new fall Sunlit from heaven, Like the first dewfall On the first grass Praise for the sweetness Of the wet garden,		

*please rise in body or spirit

Sprung in completeness Where God's feet pass

Verse 3

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning

Born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, Praise every morning,

God's recreation Of the new day!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mary Ellen Kestel

Before a word is on our tongue, God knows it completely. Before we ask for forgiveness, God is at work to set things right. Let us therefore confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*FROM PSALM 40*)

All: Saving God, we confess that we often have not waited patiently for you. We have preferred to sing our own song, to go our own way, and to put our trust in idols, institutions and individual strength rather than trusting you. We confess that it is easier to bring you sacrifices and offerings, rather than offering our lives to you. We search for delight in all the wrong places. We keep quiet about the ways we have experienced your love and presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see you, the source of life and love, at work all around us. Forgive us, God. Abide in us until your song of hope and redemption pours from our lips, and your love is shared in our words and deeds. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: Friends , who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ prays for us. Christ reaches out with endless love and mercy. Friends, believe the good news:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made ready to love and to serve. Alleluia! Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Prelude in G”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Gretchen Folks, piano

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

HYMN OF PREPARATION #207 “How Lovely, Lord”

Verse 1

How lovely, Lord, how lovely Is Your abiding place;
My soul is longing, fainting, To feast upon Your grace
The sparrow finds a shelter, A place to build her nest;
And so Your temple calls us Within its walls to rest

Verse 2

In Your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day
Is better than a thousand If I from You should stray
I'd rather keep the entrance And claim You as my Lord
Than revel in the riches The ways of sin afford

Verse 3

A sun and shield forever Are You, O Lord, Most High;
You shower us with blessings; No good will You deny
The saints, Your grace receiving, From strength to strength shall go,
And from their life shall rivers Of blessing overflow

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Julie Neufeld

*please rise in body or spirit

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 57:7-9

⁷My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make melody.

⁸Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn. ⁹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

James 5:13

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.

Colossians 3:15-16

¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

MESSAGE “The Gospel According to the Hymnbook” Julie Neufeld

HYMN OF RESPONSE #282 “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

Verse 1

If thou but trust God to guide thee, With hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, To bear thee through the evil days
Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the rock that nought can move

Verse 2

Only be still, and wait God's leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure And all deserving love hath sent

No doubt our inmost wants are clear To One who holds us always dear

Verse 3

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, But do thine own part faithfully;
Trust the rich promises of grace, So shall they be fulfilled in thee
God never yet forsook at need The soul secured by trust indeed

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD “Hand It Over”

Spirit Pulse Praise Band: Don Davis, Kris Warner, Janet Votaw,

Ann Lawler, Alison and Ernie Tamminga

***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 Mary Ellen Kestel

*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 #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 it's bud to glorious flower
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour

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Verse 2

Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith 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, Pledged to set all captives 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 gift of Thy salvation Be our glory evermore
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore, Serving Thee whom we adore

*BENEDICTION		Susan Solano
POSTLUDE	“God Grace and God of Glory”	Paul Manz

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