

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.
- 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 9, 2026

PRELUDE	Three Shaker Hymn Tunes	
	“I Will Bow and Be Simple”	David Paxton
	“Whence Cometh This Celestial Light”	Fred Binckes
	“‘Tis the Gift to Be Simple”	James Southbridge

WELCOME AND INVOCATION	Susan Solano
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Rondi Fry

Leader: Jesus bids us welcome. He brings peace and forgiveness.

People: Yet we dwell in the midst of doubt and fear.

Leader: Jesus bids us welcome. He brings hope and healing.

People: But we persist in our ways of stubbornness and greed.

Leader: Jesus, come among us once more and bring us your word of Peace.

People: Open our hearts, our spirits, and our souls to receive your healing word. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE	“People Get Ready”	Curtis Mayfield
	Spirit Pulse Praise Band: Don Davis, Kris Warner, Janet Votaw, Ann Lawler, Alison and Ernie Tamminga	

Verse 1

People get ready, there’s a train a-comin’
You don’t need no baggage, you just get on board
All you need is faith to hear the diesels hummin’
You don’t need no ticket, you just thank the Lord

Verse 2

So people get ready, for the train to Jordan

*please rise in body or spirit

Picking up passengers from coast to coast
Faith is the key, open the doors and board ‘em
There’s room for all, for those loved the most

Verse 3

But is there a place for the hopeless sinner?
Who would hurt all mankind, just to save his own
Have pity on those whose chances grow slimmer
For there’s no hiding place before the Kingdom throne

Verse 4

So people get ready, there’s a train a-comin’
You don’t need no baggage, you just get on board
All you need is faith to hear the diesels hummin’
You don’t need no ticket you just thank the Lord

CALL TO CONFESSION Rondi Fry

Even as we drink deeply from the human-built wells of anxiety and despair, God offers us living water that quenches our thirst. Let us confess together those ways in which we turn from God, followed by a moment of silent confession:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered in our own wildernesses of fear and doubt. Our thirst mounts daily, seeking to be quenched by your redeeming love. Yet, when that love is offered to us, we again turn away, unable to truly believe that you would actually heal and love us. We have behaved in very unloving ways. We have chosen to ignore those in need or to deal only passively with them. Our hearts are not placed in service to others, but rather in self-serving motives.

Heal us, merciful God. Wash us again in the living water. Help us be faithful servants. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: The waters of mercy and healing are poured over you. God is loving and faithful to those who come to God. Come, seek this loving presence and be healed.:

People: We come to God knowing, that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and quenched. Alleluia! Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “I Bind My Heart This Tide” Grace W. Conant
Marilyn Gross, soprano

*I bind my heart this tide to the Galilean’s side,
To the wounds of Calvary, to the Christ who died for me
I bind my soul this day to the stranger far away,
And the neighbor near at hand, in this town, and in this land*

*I bind my heart in thrall to the God, the Lord of all
To the God, the poor man’s Friend, and the Christ whom he did send
I bind myself to peace, to make strife and envy cease
God, knit thou sure the cord of my thralldom to my Lord*

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you
People: And also with you

HYMN OF PREPARATION #374 “Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace,” verse 3
Verse 3

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek To be consoled, but to console,

**please rise in body or spirit*

Nor look to understanding hearts, But look for hearts to understand

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Suzanne Malloy

Blessed Jesus, open our ears and our hearts, that we may be stirred by your words. Give us understanding and wisdom, that your words inspire us to accept and follow you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 4:1-30

MESSAGE “Ubuntu: Your Next Step Toward Peace” Rev. Suzanne Malloy

SONG OF RESPONSE “They’ll Know We Are Christians” Yellow Songbook #10

Verse 1

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love

Verse 2

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love

Verse 3

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love

Verse 4

All praise to the Father from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love

GATHERING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER “The Lord’s My Shepherd” Dale Wood
“Let Us Break Bread Together” Susanna Keeney

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD “Solo tu eres Santo” George Lachenauer
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 Rondi Fry

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

*please rise in body or spirit

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 #514** “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Verse 1

Let us talents and tongues employ, Reaching out with a shout of joy:

Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:

loaves abound!

Verse 2

Christ is able to make us one, At the table He sets the tone,

Teaching people to live to bless, Love in word and in deed express

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:

loaves abound!

Verse 3

Jesus calls us in, sends us out Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,

Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God, Emmanuel, everywhere!

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:

loaves abound!

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Suzanne Malloy

POSTLUDE

“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

J S Bach

*please rise in body or spirit