

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.
- Jan Fadden, our Parish Nurse will be on the patio today for blood pressure checks and to answer health questions.
- Our neighbors at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church invite us to attend the consecration of a new labyrinth next Thursday, August 20 at 6:30pm. Labyrinth designer Lars Howlett will present on labyrinth history and use, and concert pianist Natasha Kislenko will provide special music.
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- Women's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 25th at 7p.m. Contact Allison Tamminga or LuAnn Miller for more information
- Haven Youth Summer Events facilitated by Ryan Radujko:
 - Haven Lunch at GPC: Sept. 13th 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
 - LOG Beach BBQ at Goleta Beach: August 16th 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
- 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (Training will be provided for all tasks)

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GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 16, 2026

PRELUDE Variations on “Nettleton” Gordon Young
WELCOME AND INVOCATION Susan Solano
***CALL TO WORSHIP** Alison & Ernie Tamminga

Leader: We are children of God:

People: Called to praise, and to bless, and to show mercy.

Leader: We are peacemakers and peace-builders,

People: Called to care, and to take risks for Christ’s peace.

Leader: We are members of a community called to know each other, and to
accept each other, and to welcome all.

People: We belong to God, and through God, to one another.

Leader: So may our hearts be as one, and let us worship our God.

HYMN OF PRAISE #272 “God of the Sparrow”

Verse 1

God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

Verse 2

God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

Verse 3

God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace

How does the creature say Thanks

Verse 4

God of the hungry God of the sick God of the prodigal

How does the creature say Care

How does the creature say Life

Verse 5

God of the neighbor God of the foe God of the pruning hook

How does the creature say Love

How does the creature say Peace

Verse 6

God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart

How do your children say Joy

How do your children say Home

CALL TO CONFESSION Alison & Ernie Tamminga

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But
sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ’s invitation. Let us
seek God’s forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our
sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and
slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own
shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your
ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and**

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cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

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

SPECIAL MUSIC “Sure on This Shining Night” Morten Lauridsen

Sung by Marilyn Gross, Deb Artz, Alison Tamminga, Dave Peckham, Steve Solano and Ernie Tamminga

*Sure on this shining night of star made shadows round,
Kindness must watch for me this side the ground
On this shining night, this shining night*

*The late year lies down the north,
All is healed, all is health
High summer holds the earth
Hearts all whole*

*Sure on this shining night, sure on this shining night,
Sure on this shining night,
I weep for wonder, wand’ring far alone
of shadows on the stars*

*Sure on this shining night of starmade shadows round,
Kindness must watch for me this side the ground
On this shining night, this shining night*

Sure on this shining night

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

SONG OF PREPARATION “Way Maker”

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

Verse 1

You are here, moving in our midst; I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place; I worship You, I worship You
You are here, moving in our midst; I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place; I worship You, I worship You

Chorus

You are Way Maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are
You are Way Maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are

Verse 2

You are here, touching ev’ry heart; I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing ev’ry heart; I worship You, I worship You
You are here, turning lives around; I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending ev’ry heart; I worship You, I worship You

Chorus

You are Way Maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are

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That is who You are, that is who You are,
That is who You are, that is who You are

Chorus

You are Way Maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are

Bridge

Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working
Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop, You never stop working You never stop, Jesus

Chorus

Way Maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are

That is who You are, that is who You are,
That is who You are, that is who You are

Outro

That is who You are, that is who You are
(Way Maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in)
That is who You are, that is who You are
(the darkness, my God, that is who You are)
Way Maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in
(That is who You are, that is who You are)

the darkness, my God, that is who You are
(That is who You are, that is who You are)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Suzanne Malloy

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 8:1-11

¹while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ²Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. ³The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, ⁴they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. ⁵Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

MESSAGE

“God Calls Us to Take Risks for Peace” Rev. Suzanne Malloy

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

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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 God'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;
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

Verse 4

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!

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD “How Firm a Foundation” Janet Linker

***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 Alison & Ernie Tamminga

*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 #432** “Song of Hope”

Verse 1

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race

Verse 2

Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Suzanne Malloy

POSTLUDE “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Paul Manz

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