

Announcements

- Summer Faith Formation for children ages 3-7 (through 2nd grade) will take place in the Sanctuary Hugging Room. 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.
- Women’s Book Club will meet on Tuesday, August 25th at 7p.m. Contact Allison Tamminga or LuAnn Miller for more information.
- Outsiders will meet on Saturday morning, August 29th, at 10 a.m. in the GPC backyard forest. Contact Ernie Tamminga for more information on this.

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 23, 2026

PRELUDE	“Aria”	Emma Lou Diemer
	“Aria”	Paul Manz

WELCOME AND INVOCATION	Susan Solano
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Deacon Peggy Ciolino

Leader: We are called to gather together in worship

People: We are called to gather together in prayer.

Leader: Prayer is our reflection of the Love of God.

People: Prayer is the presence of God’s Love in us.

Leader: We worship the Triune God.

People: We worship God the Creator, God Among Us, God Between Us.

Leader: We are one in the Spirit,

People: We are one in the Lord.

Leader: And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

People: And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Leader: And they’ll know we are Christians by our love. Come let us enter into worship together.

People: We come to worship together

SONG OF PRAISE	“We Are the Family of God”	Yellow Songbook #11
Spirit Pulse Praise Band; Don Davis, Kris Warner, Janet Votaw, Ann Lawler, Alison and Ernie Tamminga		

Chorus

We are the family of God, Yes! We are the family of God;
And He's brought us together to be one in Him,

*please rise in body or spirit

That we might bring light to the world

Verse 1

Go make disciples of all lives; Go, show them My way is true
Tell them the wonderful story, That they might be one in Me too

Chorus

We are the family of God, Yes! We are the family of God;
And He's brought us together to be one in Him,
That we might bring light to the world

Verse 2

Let them know life in the making, let them know peace from above
Show them by your own example, of Love in the family of God

Chorus

We are the family of God, Yes! We are the family of God;
And He's brought us together to be one in Him,
That we might bring light to the world

Verse 3

Bigger and better is My love, That I have bestowed unto you
And now it's for each one to share of that all things might now become new

Chorus

We are the family of God, Yes! We are the family of God;
And He's brought us together to be one in Him,
That we might bring light to the world

CALL TO CONFESSION Susan Solano

Almighty God, You call us to love one another as You have loved us in Christ.
But we fall so very short of that call. In silence let us reflect on our own failures,

and then join together in our prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Too often, we deny the humanity of those who are different from us, in color or in faith or in culture. To our great shame, there are even those among us who take pleasure in hurting other people. We confess our shortcomings, and we pray to be washed clean of our sin.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Deacon Peggy Ciolino

Leader: We are assured of the good news of the gospel and together we
proclaim:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “How Can I Keep from Singing?” arr. Jeffrey Honore
Deb Artz, mezzo soprano

*My life flows on in endless song, amid 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,
While to that Rock I'm clinging
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

*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,*

*please rise in body or spirit

*While to that Rock I'm clinging
Since Lord is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

SONG OF PREPARATION "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
Y 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
SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 12:28-33 (NIV) Steve Solano
²⁸One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" ²⁹"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." ³²"Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Dr. Ernie Tamminga
Loving and merciful God, Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain as sounding brass and hopeless gain.

MESSAGE "The Second-Greatest Commandment" Dr. Ernie Tamminga

HYMN OF RESPONSE #335 "Though I May Speak"

Verse 1

Though I may speak with bravest fire, And have the gift to all inspire,

*please rise in body or spirit

Verse 2

Verse 3

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Susan Solano

Verse 1

Verse 2

Verse 3

*please rise in body or spirit