

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.
- Angelia Pagliano left Saturday 8/15 for college in Montana. She has been our Children’s Intern during her years in high school and we have appreciated her commitment to our children and the older youth as well her help with LOG. There is a card on the patio this morning for you to sign or write a comment to Angelia which we will send to her, wishing her the best in this new venture. Please stop by the table and find the card.
- If you would like to be added to our email list which includes our Friday email with information about happenings around the church in the next week, our monthly ‘Tidings’ and all other announcements please contact officemanager@goletapres.org

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.

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 30, 2026

PRELUDE	“Moderato, Andante and Allegro”	John Stanley
WELCOME AND INVOCATION		Susan Solano
*CALL TO WORSHIP <i>(from Psalm 119)</i>		Steve Solano
Leader:	The decrees of the Lord are wonderful,	
People:	The unfolding of God’s word gives light and understanding.	
Leader:	Turn to us, O God, and be gracious to us.	
People:	Make your face shine upon your servants.	
Leader:	We come together to worship the living God.	
HYMN OF PRAISE#411	“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”	
Verse 1		
	Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;	
	Show forth the glory of your God, Which shines on you today	
Verse 2		
	Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;	
	Proclaim the captives' liberty, Good tidings to the poor	
Verse 3		
	Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,	
	Bind up the broken-hearted ones And comfort those who mourn	
Verse 4		
	Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!	
	Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong	
CALL TO CONFESSION		Steve Solano

*please rise in body or spirit

You call out to us, Lord, but we struggle to listen. You shine out light through the darkness and illuminate a path at our feet, but we do not open our eyes. But now we come before you with our hearts open; quiet the noise of the world and of our pressing thoughts and fears so that we may hear and accept your Spirit fully.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: We confess that we do not understand why you call us to do your work when we feel lost, when we are scared or overwhelmed or weary. We confess we think we know better than you just who is qualified to do your work. In our busy lives, we convince ourselves that there is no time to help, no space for prayer and no need for justice. Forgive us. Lend us your light and your strength, as we go about the work of serving our neighbors, building up your church, and loving your children. Transform our lives and our world by your endless grace.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: The prophet Isaiah wrote, “Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me.” Jesus promised, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom.” We know love and forgiveness because God first loved us and has been calling out to us forever, “You are my beloved!” May we respond to such abundant grace with deep gratitude for God’s unending forgiveness.

People: God loves me, heals me, strengthens me and calls me by name. Through Jesus I am made whole! Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC “All Night, All Day” Spiritual, arr. Patsy Ford Simms
Alison and Ernie Tamminga, duet

*All night, all day, angels watching over me, my Lord
All night, all day, angels watching over me*

*Now I lay me down to sleep,
Angels watching over me, my Lord
Pray the Lord my soul to keep
Angels watching over me*

*All night, all day, angels watching over me, my Lord
All night, all day, angels watching over me*

*Guide me ‘cause I want to be good,
Angels watching over me, my Lord
Help me act the way I should
Angels watching over me*

*All night, all day, angels watching over me, my Lord
All night, all day, angels watching over me*

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

HYMN OF PREPARATION #399 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

Verse 1

We walk by faith and not by sight; No gracious words we hear
From Christ, who spoke as none e’er spoke; But we believe Him near

Verse 2

We may not touch His hands and side, Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice, And cry, “My Lord and God!”

Verse 3

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near And seek where You are found:

Verse 4

*please rise in body or spirit

That, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are, With full and endless sight

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Bonnie Boe

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 6:22-23 (NIV)

²²“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

MESSAGE “Check Your Focus” Bonnie Boe

HYMN OF RESPONSE #179 “God Is My Strong Salvation”

Verse 1
God is my strong salvation; What foe have I to fear?
In peril and temptation My light, my help, is near

Verse 2
Though hosts encamp around me, Firm to the fight I stand;
What terror can confound me, With God at my right hand?

Verse 3
Place on the Lord reliance, My soul, with courage wait;
God's truth be thine affiance, When faint and desolate

Verse 4
God's might thy heart shall strengthen, God's love thy joy increase;
Mercy thy days shall lengthen; The Lord will give thee peace

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD “God Whose Giving Knows No Ending” G. Martin

***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 Steve Solano

*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 #525** “Here I Am, Lord”

Verse 1
I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save
I who make the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart

Verse 2
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people’s pain
I have wept for love of them, They turn away

**please rise in body or spirit*

I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak My word to them
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart

Verse 3

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied
I will give My life to them
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart

***BENEDICTION** Bonnie Boe

POSTLUDE “Choral Song” Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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