

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

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

PRELUDE

"American Hymn Tunes" arr Gilbert Martin
"Bright Shore" and "My Comfort and My Song"

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Rev. Jim Pazan

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 119:33-40)

Elder Judy Peckham

Leader: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,

People: and I will observe it to the end.

Leader: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law

People: and observe it with my whole heart.

Leader: Lead me in the path of your commandments,

People: for I delight in it.

Leader: Turn my heart to your decrees;

People: in your righteousness be gracious to me.

HYMN OF PRAISE #464 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

*please rise in body or spirit

Verse 3

Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o’er us, Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

CALL TO CONFESSION Elder Judy Peckham

As we worship God, let us take time to honestly name the ways that we have
fallen short, collectively and individually. Trusting in the gracious mercy of our
Lord, let us confess, together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Lord God, we have judged others harshly, unfairly and casually. We tend
to focus on the sin, brokenness and foibles of others, rather than on the
growth and work we are called to. We’ve made assumptions about what
others want and need, robbing them of the freedom to speak for themselves.
We’ve tuned out the voices bold enough to express views that are different
from ours. We’ve relied upon your grace, time and time again, while hastily
denying that you are eager to give it not only to us, but to our enemies, also.
Help us to see others as you see them; help us to see you with faith and
trust.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love and faithfulness, calling all to turn from sin, and live.
People: By the grace of God, our sins are forgiven. Aleluia! Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “The Lone, Wild Bird” arr David N. Johnson
Marilyn Gross, soprano

*The lone, wild bird in lofty flight
Is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.
And I am thine, I rest in thee.
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.*

*O search me, God, my heart reveal,
Renew my life, my spirit heal.
For I am thine, I rest in thee.
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.*

*The ends of earth are in thy hand,
The sea’s dark deep and far-off land.
And I am thine! I rest in thee.
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.
The lone, wild bird in lofty flight
Is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.*

PEACE OF CHRIST

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION #372 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Verse 1

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

Verse 2

*please rise in body or spirit

Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart,
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.

Verse 3

Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.

Verse 4

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, open our eyes and our ears, our minds and our hearts, that we may
hear your Word, walk in your ways, and truly live. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another
has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You
shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other
commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰
Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹
Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake
from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²

the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness
and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling
and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and
jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the
flesh, to gratify its desires.

MESSAGE “The Road of Life” Rev. Jim Pazan

HYMN OF RESPONSE #513 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Verse 1

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees.)
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Verse 2

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees.)
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Verse 3

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees.)
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

GATHERING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*please rise in body or spirit

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 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” Gilbert Martin

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

***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 Elder Judy Peckham

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 SONG** “The Blessing”

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

Ann Lawler, Alison and Ernie Tamminga

Verse

The Lord bless you, And keep you

Make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you

The Lord turn His, Face toward you, And give you peace

Chorus

Amen, Amen, Amen

Amen, Amen, Amen

Verse

The Lord bless you, And keep you

Make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you

The Lord turn His, Face toward you, And give you peace

Chorus

Amen, Amen, Amen

Amen, Amen, Amen

Bridge 1

May His favor, Be upon you

And a thousand generations

And your family, And your children,

And their children, And their children

Bridge 2

May His presence, Go before you

And behind you, And beside you

All around you, And within you

He is with you, He is with you

Bridge 3

In the morning, In the evening

In your coming, And your going

In your weeping, And rejoicing

He is for you, He is for you

*please rise in body or spirit

Verse

The Lord bless you, And keep you
Make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His, Face toward you, And give you peace

Chorus x2

Amen, Amen, Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jim Pazan

POSTLUDE

“Song”

Gilbert Martin

*please rise in body or spirit