

Announcements

- 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. Students grades 3 and up are invited to remain in the worship service.
- Adult Ed and Spiritual Formation will be offering a new class called The Lectio Course. It is a five session video series with Pete Greig and special guests exploring the ancient practice of Lectio Divina. Classes begin today and will be held after church at 11:00 a.m. in the Common Room.

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 13, 2026

PRELUDE	“He Leadeth Me”	Gordon Young
	“Be Thou My Vision”	Gordon Young
WELCOME		Rev. Jim Pazan
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Amy Vranish
Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.		
People: Bless God’s holy name.		
Leader: God forgives. God heals. Gods transforms with steadfast love.		
People: Bless God’s holy name.		
HYMN OF PRAISE #446 “Glorious Things of Thee of Spoken”		
Verse 1		
Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;		
God, whose word cannot be broken, Formed thee for a blest abode.		
On the rock of ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?		
With salvation’s walls surrounded, Thou may’st smile at all thy foes.		
Verse 2		
See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,		
Well supply thy sons and daughters And all fear of want remove.		
Who can faint while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage?		
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver, Never fails from age to age.		
Verse 3		
Round each habitation hovering, See the cloud and fire appear		
For a glory and a covering, Showing that the Lord is near.		

*please rise in body or spirit

Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them when they pray.

CALL TO CONFESSION Amy Vranish

Before we can hear God’s truth spoken in love, we must free ourselves from all that obstructs us from honestly acknowledging our wrongdoing. Let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed and restored to God’s path of righteousness. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM “A Believer’s Prayer” Joel Raney

*Renew my mind that I may think of you.
Unloose my tongue to sing your praise.
Inspire my thoughts to write a song of joy!
Guide my feet to walk in your ways.*

*Tune my heart and I will lift my voice,
Plant my life, I will bloom for thee.*

*Bless my hands so I may bring a gift.
Illumine your Word that I may see!*

*Breathe through me; I will proclaim your love!
Fashion me, I will comply.
Take my life that I may live for You!
Live through me, Lord.
Live through me that I would die. Amen.*

PEACE OF CHRIST

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

SONG OF PREPARATION “Holy Unto You” Joel Chernoff

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

Chorus

Holy unto You
Holy unto You
Hear this humble prayer
And make me holy unto You
Kadosh Kadosh L'cha
Kadosh Kadosh L'cha
Hear this humble prayer
Make me Kadosh Kadosh L'cha

Verse 1

Lord I come to You with a humble heart
Seeking more of You wanting less of me

*please rise in body or spirit

Wanting more of You
From my deepest parts
God of mercy hear
Comes an urgent prayer
That my hearts desire is to You draw near

Chorus

Verse 2

I give myself to You on the altar lay
Spirit come and fill
So that I can more follow and obey
Let Your Light more shine
In this wounded heart
Clean and purify
So that You can more of Yourself impart

Chorus

Ending

Holy unto You
Holy unto You
Hear this humble prayer
And make me holy unto You

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open us, Eternal God, to your Word read and proclaimed. Help us not to turn from your truth or avoid your message. Help us be receptive to the wisdom you offer. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

MESSAGE

“The Grace-full Path”

Rev. Jim Pazan

HYMN OF RESPONSE #356

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Verse 1

*please rise in body or spirit

Verse 2

Verse 3

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Gordon Young

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Amy Vranish

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 #276** “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Verse 1

Refrain:

Verse 2

Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **(Refrain)**

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jim Pazan

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POSTLUDE

“Prelude in Classic Style”

Gordon Young

*please rise in body or spirit