

Announcements

- Children and youth are invited to Faith Formation class following the Passing of the Peace. We also have a hugging room at the back of the sanctuary for parents with young children to use as desired.
- Jan Fadden, our Parish Nurse, will be available today after the service for blood pressure checks and to answer health questions.
- Adult Ed and Spiritual Formation will be offering the third class of 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 20, 2026

PRELUDE “Arioso, Prelude and Fugue in F” Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME Rev. Jim Pazan

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Elder Deb Artz

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised

People: God’s greatness is unsearchable.

Leader: From generation to generation, we sing of your righteousness.

People: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love

HYMN OF PRAISE #361 “How Firm a Foundation”

Verse 1

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Verse 2

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

Verse 3

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;

*please rise in body or spirit

For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

Verse 4

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

Verse 5

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Deb Artz

God loves us and calls us by name. Too frequently, we stake our claim on that tenderness and use it as a weapon against others, forgetting that God’s love does not build walls but knocks them down. Let us set down our burdens and our defenses as we confess our sins in front of God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, when we follow the path of Jonah and allow our anger and frustration to cut us off from others, you sit next to us and call us back to your way of mercy, love and redemption. It is one thing to accept these gifts for ourselves; it is another to extend them to those who frustrate us. Forgive us for our anger, resentment, and desire to hoard. We lay these impulses at your feet and ask that you create a new heart within us, one

modeled after your steadfast love and generosity. Help us to see the world in new ways. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Make My Life an Alleluia”

Ruth Elaine Schram

*Make my life an alleluia,
A song of praise to You each day.
To proclaim Your grace and glory,
Fill my heart with your praise, I pray.*

*When I stand at the mountain top,
Or the valley of despair,
This will be my song, my prayer:
Lord, make my life an alleluia.*

*Make my life an alleluia,
A gift of love to You, my King.
I will join with all creation
In the song that the heavens sing!*

*The earth will turn, and the planets spin,
As the seasons ebb and flow;
Still Your grace surrounds me as I go.
Lord, make my life an alleluia.*

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*Make my life an alleluia,
This offering of myself I give to You.
I will share Your grace and mercy
For as long as I shall live.*

*When I come to my journey's end
May I ne'er forget, but remember
This has been my cry, my song, my prayer:
Lord, make my life an alleluia.
Lord, make my life an alleluia.*

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

SONG OF PREPARATION "Come Just As You Are" #2 Yellow Songbook

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

Verse 1 x2

Come just as you are Hear the Spirit call

Come just as you are

Come and see Come receive

Come and live forever

Chorus

Life everlasting, Strength for today

Taste the living waters

And never thirst again

Bridge

Come and see Come receive

Come and live forever

Chorus

Verse 2

Come just as you are

Don't you hear the Spirit call?

Come just as you are

Come and see Christ my King

Come and live forevermore

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, you know our hearts and minds. Bless this time together that in reading, hearing and reflecting on your Word together, we may be changed. We surrender this time to you and ask for your blessing upon it. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 20:1-16

¹ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired

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about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

MESSAGE "Generously Receiving" Rev. Jim Pazan
HYMN OF RESPONSE #280 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Verse 1
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Verse 3
Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

Verse 4
The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Verse 5
When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD "Morning Has Broken" Wilbur Held

***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 Deb Artz

*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 #467** "How Great Thou Art"

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Verse 1

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru'out, The universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art
Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art

Verse 2

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

Verse 3

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

Verse 4

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, My God, how great Thou art! *Refrain*

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Jim Pazan

POSTLUDE

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Johann Pachelbel

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