

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.
- Flu Shot Clinic: Jan Fadden our Parish Nurse will be conducting a flu shot clinic following worship this morning.
- Scotland Sabbatical Journey: Pastor Jim is giving a presentation of his Scotland bike journey. This morning in the Common Room following fellowship.
- Diaper Drive: We are collecting diapers in October for LEAP. Last year GPC members donated 1700 diapers.
- Join our hybrid Bible Study on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Jim if you would like to receive a Zoom link to join virtually.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

(Training will be provided for all tasks)

- Kris Warner (805) 698-4135 is training and setting up a once a month schedule for members willing to count the offertory money on Sundays. Please contact her if you can help GPC out.

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 18, 2026

PRELUDE

Settings of "Terra Beata" David Hegarty, Jason D Payne

WELCOME

Rev. Jim Pazan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Peggy Ciolino

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song! Everyone, even the rocks and trees, sing!

People: Let us shout out in praise!

Leader: God does great things for us. See God's amazing works all around us.

People: Great is the Lord!

Leader: Tell of God's wonders! Share stories of God's glory.

People: Let us worship the Lord!

HYMN OF PRAISE #466 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Verse 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing My dear Redeemer's praise,

The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of God's grace!

Verse 2

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;

'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Verse 3

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, And sets the prisoner free;

Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.

Verse 4

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,

To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name.

*please rise in body or spirit

CALL TO CONFESSION

Peggy Ciolino

We come to worship because we believe in the goodness of God. We have seen it. We come knowing that we don't always bear that goodness in our lives. We have made mistakes. And so, we confess, knowing that God is good and merciful and kind. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins, first together and then in silent prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, we confess that we have not been the faithful disciples you call us to be. We have not remembered who we are. We are distracted by glittering gold. We are mesmerized by fame and fortune. We turn a blind eye to systems that perpetuate injustice. We fail to hear the cries for mercy of those who bear unfair burdens. We close our hearts and imagine empathy to be weakness. Forgive us Lord. Remind us that we are yours, citizens of the kin-dom of God. Give us courage to be kin-dom builders here and now, showing mercy and grace in a world in deep need. Lord, in your mercy, hear our silent prayers.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: Friends, hear the good news. God loves you. Even in our imperfection, God loves us and won't let us go. Know that you are forgiven and made new, sent forth to love and serve. Alleluia. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"What Shall I Bring to the Lord?"

Robert C Lau

What shall I bring to the Lord

When I come to worship Him?

Shall I bring my best as offering to Him?

What shall I bring?

*What shall I bring to the Lord
When I come to worship Him?
Will the Lord require something special from me?
Oh, what shall I bring for a King?*

*I could bring riches, power,
Now is the hour to lift our voices and sing.
I could bring wisdom, glory,
I could tell the story of Jesus, my King.*

*But hear what the Lord says:
Do justice, have mercy,
Do justice, have mercy,
And walk humbly with your God.
What shall I bring to the Lord?
Walk with God.*

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

SONG OF PREPARATION "Blessed Be Your Name"

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

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow Blessed be Your name

*please rise in body or spirit

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name

Bridge

You give and take away You give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, as we come to hear your Word for us, still in us all that distracts us. Open our ears to hear your Word for us, read and proclaimed. And open our hearts to be transformed to be your people, to love and serve with faithful obedience. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know

that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

MESSAGE “From God” Rev. Jim Pazan

HYMN OF RESPONSE #293 “This Is My Father's World”

Verse 1

This is my Father’s world, And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

Verse 2

This is my Father’s world. Oh, let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world: The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, And earth and heaven be one.

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD “This Little Light of Mine” Charles Callahan

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*please rise in body or spirit

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

Peggy Ciolino

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 #343** "Called As Partners In Christ's Service"

Verse 1

Called as partners in Christ's service Called to ministries of grace

We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace

May we learn the art of sharing Side by side and friend with friend

Equal partners in our caring To fulfil God's chosen end

Verse 2

Christ's example Christ's inspiring Christ's clear call to work and worth

Let us follow never faltering Reconciling folk on earth

Men and women richer poorer All God's people young and old

Blending human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold

Verse 3

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission In a small or global sense

Help us bear each other's burdens Breaking down each wall or fence

Words of comfort words of vision Words of challenge said with care

Bring new power and strength for action Make us colleagues free and fair

Verse 4

So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life

That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife

Make us partners in our living Our compassion to increase

Messengers of faith thus giving Hope and confidence and peace

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jim Pazan

POSTLUDE

Setting of "Azmon"

Paul Manz

*please rise in body or spirit