

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD "Let All Things Now Living" Karen Lanlois

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Jeannie Cavender, CRE

Sung Prayer of Response

God in us, through us, and all around us  
May your unspeakable name be revered  
Now here on earth may your commonwealth come  
On earth as in heaven may your will be done

Give us today our bread for today\*  
Forgive us our wrongs as we forgive  
Lead us away from the perilous trial  
Liberate us from the evil

For the kin-dom you share with every one  
The mercy you share with every one  
The beauty you share with every one  
Now and forever. Amen

Now here on earth may your commonwealth come\*  
Here on earth may your dreams come true  
Alleluia Alleluia Amen

CLOSING HYMN: "We Plow the Fields and Scatter" (#560 in blue hymnal)

BENEDICTION Ernie Tamminga

Postlude: "Now Thank We All Our God" Paul Manz CCLI License # 809839

PRELUDE: Partita on "Now Thank We All Our God"

Kenneth T. Kosche

WELCOME:

Jeannie Cavender, CRE

Call to Worship:

Chris Grant

Lord of all creation, you have blessed us with so much.  
**We are living here as part of your waters, your earth, and your sky.**

God in heaven and all around us, your reach is infinite, from the depths of our innermost soul to the far extensions of the universe.

**You are the Lord of heaven and earth. You are our Lord. You are my Lord.**

When I am challenged in life and stumble, I know I can call your name. And even in the darkest of times, you will see me, you will hold me and you will provide me comfort.

**Lord of heaven and earth, you are holy.**

Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me.

**Open my eyes and my hands, to strengthen me so that I may see it, grasp it, and share it.**

God of Wonders, you are holy.

**Hallelujah! Lord of heaven and earth, the universe declares your majesty. You are holy indeed.**

PRAISE SONG: "God of Wonders"

by Steve Hindalong & Marc Byrd

*Spirit Pulse Band and guests*

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky  
The heavens are your tabernacle Glory to the Lord on high  
(chorus): *God of Wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy*  
*The universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy*  
*Lord of Heaven and Earth (echo)*

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light  
And when I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night  
(chorus)

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and Earth (3x)  
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart in me Father, hold me, hold me  
The universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

Ernie Tamminga

**SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

"I Was Glad" (based on Psalm 122)

John Bell

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of God."  
Now my feet are standing firm and free in the temple of the living Lord.  
I am glad to be present in the house of God.  
I am glad to be welcomed by the living Lord.  
I was glad because this house of prayer  
welcomes all who come to worship God.  
Every man and woman, every child is invited by the living Lord.  
I am glad...  
For the peace and beauty of this place, for the all-embracing love of God,  
For the freedom here to change and grow, I will praise the ever-living Lord.  
I am glad...

**SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:14-21**

And we urge you, brothers and sisters, admonish the undisciplined, comfort the discouraged, help the weak, be patient toward all. <sup>15</sup> See that no one pays back evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good for one another and for all. <sup>16</sup> Always rejoice, <sup>17</sup> constantly pray, <sup>18</sup> in everything give thanks. For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. <sup>19</sup> Do not extinguish the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not treat prophecies with contempt. <sup>21</sup> But examine all things; hold fast to what is good.

**MESSAGE:** "Languishing into Thanksgiving" Dr. Ernie Tamminga

*Reflection: Prepositions* (thanks to Diana Butler Bass)

**To whom or what** are you grateful?

What challenges have you been grateful **through**?

Have you been grateful **with** others?

**Within** what place/space here have you discovered gratitude?

Has something in your life been changed **by** being grateful?

**HYMN OF RESPONSE: #554 "Let All Things Now Living"**

**Verse 1**

Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving  
To God our Creator triumphantly raise  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us  
By guiding us unto the end of our days..

God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.  
Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished  
As forward we travel from light into Light

**Verse 2**

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses  
The sun in its orbit obediently shine  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains  
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine  
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing  
With glad adoration, a song let us raise  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise