

## 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.
- Coffee and Conversation: Tuesdays, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Jim's office. All are welcome to come.
- Bible Study on Wednesdays at Noon, in person or virtually. We will be studying the book of Samuel.
- February Toddler Time: Infants – age 5 and a caregiver. Join us for connection, activities, sensory play, music and movement, and open play on the GPC Hill! Email [cyf@goletapres.org](mailto:cyf@goletapres.org) for more information.
- Love of God: Leadership team meeting today at 12:30 p.m. LOG retreat is Feb. 9-11<sup>th</sup>. Youth, grades 8-12, are invited to the retreat. Please begin collecting your rummage for the annual LOG Rummage Sale.
- HAVEN Youth: Weekly study resumes March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Backyard Pilgrim Lenten Small Groups: Books available today in the narthex.
- Ash Wednesday Worship Service: February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

## GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

### PRELUDE

“Pastorale”

Anonymous

“Canzona”

Dietrich Buxtehude

### WELCOME

Rev. Jim Pazan

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *From Psalm 111*

Elder Marilyn Gross

Leader: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God, for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**People: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

**People: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.**

Leader: Great is our Lord and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

**People: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

**All: Let us Worship God!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #482 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

### Verse 1

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;

Praise Him in glad adoration!

### Verse 2

\*please rise in body or spirit

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

### Verse 3

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Marilyn Gross

Jesus Said: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Let us join in a time of prayer, first silently and then with the words printed in the bulletin.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, how awesome is your creation. You have created humanity in your image and have given each of us freedom to live out the purposes for which we were created. Forgive us for taking our gifts and opportunities lightly; for not appreciating our potentials enough to achieve them. Refresh us and renew us in the joy of living as abundantly and fruitfully as you would have us do. Amen**

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. God did not send

the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news of the Gospel!

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia, Amen.**

### CHOIR ANTHEM

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

John Ness Beck

*Let us break bread together on our knees.*

*Let us break bread together on our knees.*

*When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,*

*O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees.*

*When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,*

*O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees.*

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*When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,*

*O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*O Lord, have mercy on me.*

### PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: **And also with you**

### \*SONG OF PREPARATION

"Refiner's Fire"

Yellow #35

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

Ann Lawler, Alison and Ernie Tamminga

Purify my heart. Let me be as gold

And precious silver.

\*please rise in body or spirit

Purify my heart. Let me be as gold,  
Pure gold.

Refiner's fire. My heart's one desire  
Is to be holy. Set apart for you Lord.  
I choose to be holy. Set apart for you, my master.  
Ready to do your will.

Purify my heart. Cleanse me from within  
And make me holy.  
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin,  
Deep within.

Refiner's fire. My heart's one desire  
Is to be holy. Set apart for you Lord.  
I choose to be holy. Set apart for you, my master.  
Ready to do your will.

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#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.  
Amen.*

#### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

##### **Samuel 10:17-27a**

<sup>17</sup> Samuel summoned the people to the LORD at Mizpah <sup>18</sup> and said to them, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and I rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all the kingdoms that were oppressing you.’ <sup>19</sup> But today you have rejected your God, who saves you from all your calamities and your distresses; and you have said, ‘No! but set a king over us.’ Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and by your clans.” <sup>20</sup> Then Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot. <sup>21</sup> He brought the tribe of Benjamin near by its families, and the family of the Matrites was taken by lot. Finally he brought the family of the Matrites near man by man, and Saul the son of Kish was taken by lot. But when they sought him, he could not be found. <sup>22</sup> So they inquired again of the LORD, “Did the man come here?” and the LORD said, “See, he has hidden himself among the baggage.” <sup>23</sup> Then they ran and brought him from there. When he took his stand among the people, he was head and shoulders taller than any of them. <sup>24</sup> Samuel said to all the people, “Do you see the one whom the LORD has chosen? There is no one like him among all the people.” And all the people shouted, “Long live the king!” <sup>25</sup> Samuel told the people the rights and duties of the kingship; and he wrote them in a book and laid it up before the LORD. Then Samuel sent all the people back to their homes. <sup>26</sup> Saul also went to his home at Gibeah, and with him went warriors whose hearts God had touched. <sup>27</sup> But some worthless fellows said, “How can this man save us?”

#### **MESSAGE**

“A First Go”

Rev. Jim Pazan

#### **HYMN OF RESPONSE #514 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”**

\*please rise in body or spirit

**Verse 1**

Let us talents and tongues employ, Reaching out with a shout of joy:  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

**Refrain:**

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

**Verse 2**

Christ is able to make us one. At the table He sets the tone,  
Teaching people to live to bless, Love in word and in deed express. (Refrain)

**Verse 3**

Jesus calls us in, sends us out Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! (Refrain)

**GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE** "Adagio Cantabile" Giuseppe Tartini

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD** "Be Thou My Vision" Michael Burkhardt

**\*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 Marilyn Gross

*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 #539** "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

**Verse 1**

Savior, again to Thy dear Name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.  
We stand to bless Thee ere our worship cease;  
And, now departing, wait Thy word of peace.

**Verse 2**

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;  
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day.  
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

**Verse 3**

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light;  
From harm and danger keep Thy children free,  
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

**Verse 4**

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife.  
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jim Pazan

**Postlude**

"Prelude and Fugue in G Minor" Johann Sebastian Bach

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