

Announcements

- Egg hunt and brunch will follow our Easter worship service!
- 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.
- HAVEN Youth: 10:45 a.m. will resume next Sunday, April 7.
- Coffee and Conversation: Tuesdays, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Pastor Jim's office.
- Bible Study on Wednesdays at Noon, in person in Pastor Jim's office or virtually.
- April Toddler Time: Fridays at 9:30 a.m. 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 for more information.
- April Questers Women's Bible Study: Monday, April 8th at 10:30 a.m. in the Common Room.

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

PRELUDE "Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" Alfred V. Fedak
"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing" Charles Callahan
"Christ Is Arisen & Come Ye Faithful"

ACOLYTES Dahlia and Powell Terebessy

WELCOME Rev. Jim Pazan

SPECIAL MUSIC "Now the Green Blade Riseth" Michael McCabe
Everett Pazan, flute

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *From Psalm 118* Rev. Katie Pazan

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

People: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

"The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"

Leader: The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"

People: I will not die but live and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Leader: Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

People: This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

Leader: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

People: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

*please rise in body or spirit

Leader: the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #123** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Katie Pazan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen!

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Forth He Came at Easter”

David H. Williams

Chris Grant, handbells

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

***HYMN OF PREPARATION #101** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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: Mark 16:1-8

MESSAGE

“Wide Open Gates”

Rev. Jim Pazan

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Mighty To Save”

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

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” Dale Wood

***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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Praise the Lord”

Georg Friedrich Handel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Easter Litany

*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 #104** “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jim Pazan

Postlude

“Alleluias”

Robert Lau

*please rise in body or spirit

Please join by responsively reading the words in bold.

Leader: O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice.

People: By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell and destroyed sin and death. Keep us victorious over sin.

Leader: By your resurrection you raised the dead and brought us from death to life.

People: Guide us in the way of eternal life.

Leader: Let us bring the needs of the church, the world, and all in need, to God's loving care.

People: God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in his name.

Leader: God Most High, in Jesus of Nazareth you show us the authority that pleases you: for he rules not by power or might but serves in obedience to your will. We pray for all in authority over us:

People: Deliver them from hollow ambitions that they may govern in wisdom and justice.

Leader: Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed, and vain ambition, and bow to your sovereign rule.

People: Inspire them to strive for peace and justice, that all your children may dwell secure, free of war and injustice.

Leader: Look with compassion on all who suffer. Support with your love those with incurable and stigmatized diseases, those unjustly imprisoned, those denied dignity, those who live without hope, those who are homeless or abandoned.

People: As you have moved toward us in love, so lead us to be present with them in their suffering in the name of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Restore among us a love of the earth you created for our home. Help us put an end to ravishing its land, air, and waters, and give us respect for all your creatures,

People: that, living in harmony with everything you have made, your whole creation may resound in an anthem of praise to your glorious name.

Leader: Bring to our remembrance all those who, having served you on earth, now sing your praises eternally.

People: May their endurance give us courage and their faithfulness give us hope; God, in your loving purpose answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes.

Leader: In all things for which we pray, give us the will to seek to bring them about, for the sake of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: We pray all these things in the name of Jesus and continue to pray with the words he taught us to pray...