

Announcements

- Children and youth are invited to Faith Formation class following the Passing of the Peace. We have a hugging room at the back of the sanctuary for parents with young children to use as desired. Childcare is also available for infants and toddlers in the hugging room by request.
- HAVEN Youth: 10:45 a.m. meets today in the youth room.
- 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 15th at 10:30 a.m. in the Common Room.
- Pastor Jim will be on study leave this week. We will resume coffee and conversation and bible study next week!

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 7, 2024

PRELUDE "Andante, Adagio and Allegro" John Stanley

WELCOME Rev. Jim Pazan

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *From Psalm 145:1-8* Ila Fails & Amy Vranish

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

People: One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

Leader: They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works I will meditate.

People: They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

Leader: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE #464** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,

God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,

*please rise in body or spirit

Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Verse 3

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

CALL TO CONFESSION *1 John 1:8-9*

Ila Falls & Amy Vranish

Scripture proclaims: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Let us confess our sins before for God, first silently and then together with the words printed in the bulletin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal God, we are a lost, broken people who spend our lives chasing things that don't matter. We go our own way, we have our own agenda, and we play by the rules we have created. We are independent and full of pride. Forgive us for living like we don't need you. We are lost, but you come searching for us. We are broken, but you put us back together. We need you to rescue us. We need you to save us. May our identity come only from the experience of your grace, and may we rest knowing that in you we are found. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

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!

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

***HYMN OF PREPARATION #427 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"**

Verse 1

Lord whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need

*please rise in body or spirit

Who upon the cross forsaken
Worked Your mercy's perfect deed
We your servants bring the worship
Not of voice alone but heart
Consecrating to Your purpose
Every gift which You impart

Verse 2

Still Your children wander homeless
Still the hungry cry for bread
Still the captives long for freedom
Still in grief we mourn our dead
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.

Verse 3

As we worship grant us vision
Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quicken sight
Making known the deeds and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share

Verse 4

Called from worship to Your service,
Forth in You dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom
May Your mercy know and live.

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: Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor

*please rise in body or spirit

height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

MESSAGE "More" Rev. Jim Pazan

HYMN OF RESPONSE #507 "I Come with Joy"

Verse 1

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me,
His life laid down for me.

Verse 2

I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.

Verse 3

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
And strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.

Verse 4

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,

Is in such friendship better known:

We see and praise Him here,
We see and praise Him here.

Verse 5

Together met, together bound
We'll go our different ways,
And as His people in the world,
We'll live and speak His praise,
We'll live and speak His praise.

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE "Meditation" G. Winston Cassler

"Victimae Paschali Laudes" Wilbur Held

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD "Awake, My Heart, With Gladness" 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

*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"

Verse 1

*please rise in body or spirit

Postlude

“A Festal Rejoicing”

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

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