

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.
- July Toddler Time: Fridays, July 12, 26 at 9:30 a.m. Infants – age 5 and a caregiver. Join us for connection, activities, sensory play, & music and movement!
- Summer Youth HAVEN: at 10:45 a.m. in the youth room. Meets weekly.
- Summer Toddler Time Camp Littles: August 5-8, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Email cyf@goletapres.org for more information and to register.
- LEAP Food Distribution: Thursday, July 18th. Volunteers needed at the next distribution at 1p.m. or 3-6 p.m.
- Campout at El Capitan Campground: September 27-29. If you are interested, please speak with Janet Votaw.

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 7, 2024

PRELUDE "Hymn Suite" Pail Manze

WELCOME Rev. Jim Pazan

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *From Psalm 48:9-14* Steve Solano

Leader: We pondered your love-in-action, God, waiting in your temple:

People: Your name, God, evokes a train of Hallelujahs wherever It is spoken, near and far; your arms are heaped with goodness-in-action.

Leader: Be glad, Zion Mountain; Dance, Judah's daughters! He does what he said he'd do!

People: Circle Zion, take her measure, count her fortress peaks,

Leader: Gaze long at her sloping bulwark, climb her citadel heights— Then you can tell the next generation detail by detail the story of God,

People: Our God forever, who guides us till the end of time.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #473** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Verse 1

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies.

*please rise in body or spirit

Refrain:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.

Verse 2

For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light. **Refrain**

Verse 3

For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight,

For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight. **Refrain**

Verse 4

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,

Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild. **Refrain**

Verse 5

For Thy Church, that evermore Lifteth holy hands above,

Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love. **Refrain**

CALL TO CONFESSION *from John 3:16-17*

Steve Solano

Jesus Declares: "For 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. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." Acknowledging our need for God's saving

love, let us confess our sins, first silently and then with the words printed in the bulletin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, we have deceived ourselves into believing our sins aren't that bad, that your grace isn't enough, and that we can earn your forgiveness. We have embraced the stable misery of sin-fractured relationships rather than seeking true reconciliation through your grace and mercy. We have lived as people pacified by our possessions and dulled by our duties, rather than being shaken by your Spirit to live as Christ out in the world. Change us from the inside out, so that we can live out your calling every day of our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: Hear these words from Scripture: if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" When we repent of our sins and trust in the mercy of God through Jesus Christ, we are assured of the good news of the gospel that together we proclaim:

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen!

*please rise in body or spirit

SPECIAL MUSIC “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” William Kirkpatrick
Susan Gentry and Larry Saddler

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

SPECIAL SONG “This Land is Your Land”

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

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: Esther 8:1-8

¹ On that day King Ahasuerus gave to Queen Esther the house of Haman, the enemy of the Jews; and Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told what he was to her. ² Then the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. So Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman. ³ Then Esther spoke again to the king; she fell at his feet, weeping and pleading with him to avert the evil design of Haman the Agagite and the plot that he had devised against the Jews. ⁴ The king held out the golden scepter to Esther, ⁵ and

Esther rose and stood before the king. She said, “If it pleases the king, and if I have won his favor, and if the thing seems right before the king, and I have his approval, let an order be written to revoke the letters devised by Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote giving orders to destroy the Jews who are in all the provinces of the king. ⁶ For how can I bear to see the calamity that is coming on my people? Or how can I bear to see the destruction of my kindred?” ⁷ Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther and to the Jew Mordecai, “See, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and they have hanged him on the gallows, because he plotted to lay hands on the Jews. ⁸ You may write as you please with regard to the Jews, in the name of the king, and seal it with the king’s ring; for an edict written in the name of the king and sealed with the king’s ring cannot be revoked.”

MESSAGE “The Weight of Words” Rev. Jim Pazan

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

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.

*please rise in body or spirit

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 “Blessed Jesus, At Your Word” Paul Manz

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD “In Thee Is Gladness” Paul Manz

***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 Steve Solano

*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 #435** “We All Are One in Mission”

Verse 1

We all are one in mission, We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission Compels us from above
To plan and work together That all may know Christ's love.

Verse 2

We all are called for service To witness in God's name;
Our ministries are different, Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others By God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation May feel God's warm embrace.

Verse 3

Now let us be united And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel For God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission, We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.

*please rise in body or spirit

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jim Pazan

Postlude

“O, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Paul Manz

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