

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.
- HAVEN Youth: Sundays, 11:00 a.m. in the Youth Lounge.
- Coffee and Conversation and Bible Study will resume in September.
- GPC Campout Sept. 27-29. A potluck supper for all members and friends at 5:30 on Sat. 9/28. Parking is \$10, paid at the gate and includes all access. We will eat around 6:30. Please bring something to share with others for dinner (appetizers, salads, side dishes main entrée, dessert). It will be held at the El Capitan State Beach, Portola Campground. Campers, please call or email Janet Votaw to sign up. (805)698-4560 or janet.votaw@gmail.com. Camping costs are: Family \$75. Couple \$50. Single \$25. Please make check payable to GPC and note campout in the memo area.

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

PRELUDE “O for the Wings of a Dove” & “O Rest in the Lord” Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *From Psalm 121*

Elder Ernie Tamminga

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

People: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

People: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

People: The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

People: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #491** “Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

Verse 1

Stand up and bless the Lord, Ye people of God's choice;

Stand up and bless the Lord your God With heart and soul and voice.

Verse 2

*please rise in body or spirit

Though high above all praise, Above all blessing high,
Who would not fear God's holy name, And laud and magnify?

Verse 3

O for the living flame From God's own altar brought,
To touch our lips, our minds inspire, And wing to heaven our thought!

Verse 4

God is our strength and song, Now is salvation ours;
Then be God's love in Christ proclaimed With all our ransomed powers.

Verse 5

Stand up and bless the Lord; The Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless God's glorious name; Henceforth forevermore.

CALL TO CONFESSION *Psalm 91:14-16* Elder Ernie Tamminga

Scripture declares: "Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation. Let us humbly confess our sins, and in faith receive cleansing.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious 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. 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. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: How comforting are the promises of scripture: "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" When we turn from our sin 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 Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia, Amen!

SPECIAL MUSIC "Precious Lord Take My Hand" Thomas A. Dorsey
Susan Gentry and Larry Saddler, Vocal Duet

Verse 1

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.

*please rise in body or spirit

Take my head, precious Lord, lead me home.

Verse 2

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,

When my life is almost gone, hear my call,

Hold my hand lest I fall.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Verse 3

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,

And the day is past and gone,

At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand,

take my hand, Precious Lord, lead me home.

Verse 4

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.

Take my head, precious Lord, lead me home.

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

HYMN OF PREPARATION #293 "This Is My Father's World"

Verse 1

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears

All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought

Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

Verse 2

This is my Father's world. Oh, let me ne'er forget

That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: The battle is not done:

Jesus who died shall be satisfied, And earth and heaven be one.

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 4:7,13

"And the Peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus... I can do all things in him who strengthens me."

SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:27

"Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid."

MESSAGE

"Sowing Seeds Peace"

Elder Deb Artz

HYMN OF RESPONSE #368 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

*please rise in body or spirit

Verse 1

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.

Verse 2

I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.

Verse 3

I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD "Prayer" Ludwig van Beethoven

***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 #343** "Called As Partners In Christ's Service"

Verse 1

Called as partners in Christ's service Called to ministries of grace
We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace
May we learn the art of sharing Side by side and friend with friend
Equal partners in our caring To fulfil God's chosen end

Verse 2

Christ's example Christ's inspiring Christ's clear call to work and worth
Let us follow never faltering Reconciling folk on earth
Men and women richer poorer All God's people young and old
Blending human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold

Verse 3

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission In a small or global sense
Help us bear each other's burdens Breaking down each wall or fence

*please rise in body or spirit

Words of comfort words of vision Words of challenge said with care

Bring new power and strength for action Make us colleagues free and fair

Verse 4

So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life

That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife

Make us partners in our living Our compassion to increase

Messengers of faith thus giving Hope and confidence and peace

***BENEDICTION**

Elder Deb Artz

Postlude

“Prelude in G Major”

Johann Sebastian Bach

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