

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.
- Love of God: Leadership team meeting today at 12:30 p.m. L.O.G. retreat is October 25-27th. Youth, grades 8-12, are invited to the retreat.
- Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Jim and friends! Meets Tuesdays in the Pastor's study at 10:00 a.m.
- Join our hybrid Bible Study on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Jim if you would like to receive a Zoom link to join virtually.
- October Toddler Time, Fridays at 9:30. 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.
- Flu Shot Clinic: Jan Fadden our Parish Nurse will be conducting a flu shot clinic following worship, Sunday October 20th.
- Liturgist sign-up sheet available at the refreshment table. If you would like liturgist training, Pastor Jim can work with you.

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

PRELUDE "Prelude, Fugue and Prelude" Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME Rev. Jim Pazan

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *From Psalm 20:1-5* Elder Janet Votaw

Leader: The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

People: May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion.

Leader: May he remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.

People: May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans.

Leader: May we shout for joy over your victory and in the name of our God set up our banners.

People: May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #411** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

Verse 1

*please rise in body or spirit

Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Verse 2

Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Verse 3

Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones, and comfort those who mourn.

Verse 4

Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

CALL TO CONFESSION *Psalm 51:9-10*

Elder Janet Votaw

Scripture declares: "Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me."

Acknowledging our need for God's saving love, let us confess our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. In Christ you bring light, yet we still dwell in darkness. Your word offers guidance, but we choose to ignore your council. We get angry when things do not happen

as we think they should and when we do not get our own way. We seek wisdom in authorities other than you have provided, then wonder why we are going wrong. Forgive us for neglecting you and not listening to your word. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: The Good News is this: God never tires out, God is always with us, God heals us with mercy, God strengthens us for service. The One who numbers the stars knows each of us by name. Thanks be to God for the good news of the gospel is:

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

"I Was Glad"

John Bell

I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of God."

Now my feet are standing firm and free,

In the temple of the living Lord.

I am glad, I am glad

To be present in the house of God.

I am glad, I am glad

To be welcomed by the living Lord.

I was glad because this house of prayer

Welcomes all who come to worship God.

*please rise in body or spirit

*Every man and woman, every child,
Is invited by the living Lord.*

*I am glad, I am glad
To be present in the house of God.
I am glad, I am glad
To be welcomed by the living Lord.
For the peace and beauty of this place;
For the all-embracing love of God.
Fore the freedom here to change and grow,
I will praise the ever living God.*

*I am glad, I am glad
To be present in the house of God.
I am glad, I am glad
To be welcomes by the living Lord.*

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

HYMN OF PREPARATION #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Verse 1

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Verse 2

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find that second rest;
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Verse 3

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Verse 4

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*please rise in body or spirit

Eternal God open our hearts and minds, so that we may hear the Word of life and be renewed by your power, for you live and reign now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 8:31-38

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill me, because there is no place in you for my word. ³⁸ I declare what I have seen in the Father’s presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father.”

MESSAGE “Building a Home in Jesus’ Word” Rev. Jim Pazan

HYMN OF RESPONSE #263 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Verse 1

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Verse 2

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Verse 3

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Verse 4

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD “Melodie” Ludwig van Beethoven

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

**please rise in body or spirit*

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 Janet Votaw

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 #485**

"To God Be the Glory"

Verse 1

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,

And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory: great things He hath done.

Verse 2

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer, and higher, and greater will be

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **[Refrain]**

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jim Pazan

Postlude

"Offertorium"

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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