

## Announcements

- 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.
- Guitar Lessons with Don Davis. On Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Don will lead guitar lessons for anyone interested in learning or re-learning guitar. In the Common Room. All are welcome.
- Join one of our study opportunities during Lent.
  - Sundays following worship, Pastor Jim will be leading a group through the book, “Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts.” Beginning March 9<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. Talk to Pastor Jim if you are interested.
  - Tuesday afternoons on Zoom Kris Warner and Jim Friestad will be hosting a DVD/book study on Max Lucado's book, “He Chose the Nails.” Beginning March 11<sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Contact Jim Friestad or Kris Warner for more information.
- Questers Women’s Study: Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 in the Common Room. This month Lesson 6 is “Climate Change.” There are extra copies of the lesson for anyone who needs it. JoAnn Trelour and Betty Kilb are our hostesses this month and will provide some fruit/veggies after the study. Contact Marilyn Gross if you have any questions.
- Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Jim and friends! Meets Tuesdays in the Pastor’s study at 10:00 a.m.
- Love of God: The L.O.G. retreat is March 14-16<sup>th</sup>. Youth, grades 8-12, are invited to the retreat.

## GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 9, 2025

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**PRELUDE** “Lento espressivo” Amy Marcy Beach  
“In Christ Alone” arr Larry Schackley

**WELCOME** Rev. Jim Pazan

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *From Psalm 92:1-5*

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

**People: to sing praises to your name, O Most High,**

Leader: to declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night,

**People: to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.**

Leader: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

**People: at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

Leader: How great are your works, O Lord!

**People: how profound your thoughts!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 477** “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

\*please rise in body or spirit

**CALL TO CONFESSION** *Psalm 91:14-16*

Psalm 91 Proclaims: "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 confess our sins before God.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Leader: 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. Amen**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "On Eagle's Wings" arr Douglas Wagner

**PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you**

**SONG OF PREPARATION #475** "Blessed Be Your Name"

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

**SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 4:1-13**

**MESSAGE** "Into the Wilderness" Rev. Jim Pazan

**HYMN OF RESPONSE #85** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD** "Be Thou With Us" Johann Sebastian Bach

**\*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 #293** "This Is My Father's World"

**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Jim Pazan

**POSTLUDE** "Prelude in C Minor" Johann Sebastian Bach

\*please rise in body or spirit