

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 2, 2021

PRELUDE: "Fairest Lord Jesus" Lani Smith & Robert Hobby

WELCOME: Rev. Jim Pazan

Call to Worship: Jeannie Cavender, CRE

HYMN OF PRAISE: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
Marilyn Gross, Kathryn McFadden, Ernie & Alison Tamminga

Verse 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of God's grace!

Verse 2

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Verse 3

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, And sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.

Verse 4

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE Jeannie Cavender, CRE

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
Marilyn Gross, Kathryn McFadden, Ernie & Alison Tamminga

Verse 1

There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice, Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows, Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings, Have such kindly judgment given.

Verse 2

For the love of God is broader, Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal, Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, We would gladly trust God's word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving, For the goodness of our Lord.

SCRIPTURE: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

MESSAGE: “The Spirit Leads” Rev. Jim Pazan

CELEBRATING THE LORD’S TABLE:

COMMUNION MUSIC: “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” Edward Broughton

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Jeannie Cavender, CRE

*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 SONG: “Good Good Father”

Spirit Pulse Praise Band: Don Davis, Anne Lawler, Kris Warner

Verse 1

I've heard a thousand stories, Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper, Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased, And that I'm never alone

Chorus

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am

Verse 2

I've seen many searching for answers, Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers, Only You provide
Because You know just what we need, Before we say a word

Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Verse 3

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak, Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still, As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still, Into love love love

BENEDICTION:

Rev. Jim Pazan

Postlude:

“A Festive Trumpet Tune”

by Gilbert Martin

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