

**September 7, 2025**



**Geneva Presbyterian Church**

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**Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor**

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**10:30am**

*Thank you for joining us for this interactive, intergenerational worship service! We will gather in smaller groups for activities to help us dive deeper together. Further instructions will be given as the service progresses. We're so glad you're here to celebrate with us!*

*All children are welcome to join us upstairs today. If they need a "chill out" zone, they are welcome to use the Founders Room.*

## **The Gathering**

**Prelude**

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome to the Worship of God**

**Call to Worship**

One: We come as we are.

**Many: We are God's children learning how to grow.**

One: We are broken hearts learning how to heal.

**Many: We are people learning how to trust.**

One: We are pieces of ourselves learning how to become whole.

**Many: We are spirits learning how to hope.**

One: We come as we are.

**Many: And we meet here together.**

## Opening Song

## “Welcome Home”

### Verse

God is our shelter  
A shelter in the middle of the storm  
Everyone is welcome  
To come and find a place that's safe and warm

### Chorus

Welcome home  
Home is a place where you feel loved  
You are safe

Safe in the palm of God's hand

### Chorus 2

You are welcome (welcome!)  
Welcome (welcome!)  
Exactly as you are  
From your head to your toes  
You are welcome (welcome!)  
Welcome (welcome!)  
And the feelings in your heart  
Welcome Home

## Scripture Exploration: Genesis 37-50

## “Forgiveness”

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### MY ANGRY VOLCANO

WHAT SHOWS UP ON THE SURFACE, VS. EMOTIONS UNDER THE SURFACE TRIGGERING THE REACTION

THIS IS WHAT MY REACTION LOOKED LIKE:

STOMPING CRYING  
QUIET HITTING SCREAMING  
DEFIANCE WITHDRAWL  
TALKING BACK  
YELLING TANTRUM

SCARED INSECURE FEAR WORRY STRESS JEALOUSY TRAPPED SADNESS  
ANXIETY EMBARRASMENT TRAUMA ANNOYED OVERWHELM  
THREATENED HURT REJECTION SHAME FRUSTRATION

THIS IS WHAT I WAS FEELING UNDER THE SURFACE:

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### REFLECTING ON MY ANGER VOLCANO

THIS IS WHAT MY REACTION LOOKED LIKE:

THIS IS WHAT I WAS FEELING UNDER THE SURFACE:

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## **Prayer of Confession** *(below in unison, then silent personal prayers)*

**God of creation, we keep messing things up. Forgive us for what we do, and for all the things we let happen. We ignore Jesus and sometimes we make bad decisions. We swear and sometimes we try to get revenge. Forgive us for war, for fighting over foolish things, and for bullying. Forgive us for our lack of respect for others, and our lack of respect for you. Hear the prayers that we lift silently to you now...**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

From the bottom of my heart, I forgive myself for the bad things I did, today, this week, this month, this year, whether on purpose or by accident.

I know that God has already forgiven me and set me free from the power of my sins.

I know that God wants me to be happy, healthy, and at peace. I breathe in God's love and breathe out my anger at myself.

I know that God will help me as I try to make right the things that I've done wrong.

In the name of God, the parent who loves us, the name of Jesus, the son who came to live with us, and the name of the Holy Spirit, who is with us always.

Amen.

## **Congregational Response**

## **"Do Lord, Do Lord"**

### **Verse 1**

I've gotta house in glory land  
That outshines the sun! (3x)  
I wanna go way beyond the blue!

### **Chorus**

Do Lord, oh do Lord  
Do remember me. (3x)

I wanna go way beyond the blue!

### **Verse 2**

We can mend the world together  
You join us too! (3x)  
I wanna go way beyond the blue!

***To the Chorus!***

## Children's Sermon

**Joys and Concerns** *(The Online Church recording is turned off during this portion of the service for privacy. We will resume recording after the Lord's Prayer.)*

## Prayers of the People; Our Common Prayer

**For all that is and all we have, we give our thanks. For all we've hurt and all we've done wrong, we seek forgiveness. For all we need and all that is hard, we ask for help. For all who suffer and all of creation, we pray for peace. Amen.**

### Passing of the Peace

### "This Little Light of Mine"

1. This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Oh, this little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

2. Everywhere I go  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Oh, everywhere I go  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

3. Let it shine 'til freedom comes!  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine 'til freedom comes!  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine 'til freedom comes!  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

4. Hide it under a bushel? NO!  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Hide it under a bushel? NO!  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Hide it under a bushel? NO!  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

## Scripture 2: Luke 11:2-4

### "Prayer"

*(Please join in singing The Lord's Prayer found on the following page)*

## Our Father in Heaven (The Lord's Prayer)

Eric Wyse

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven hal - lowed be Your  
name, Your king - dom com, Your will be done on earth as in heav'n.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins  
as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us, Save us from the time of trial,  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er A - - men.

## Apostles' Creed (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic\* Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(\*meaning all of God's churches)

## The Thanksgiving

### The Offering

*Beloved, we invite you to join in the ministry of this church with your tithes and offerings. Your gifts may be received in the physical offering plate in the back of the sanctuary or online using the QR code in your bulletin. Let us give generously and joyfully.*



**Music Offering**

**Prayer of Dedication**

## **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*The Lord be with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give our thanks and  
praise.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

### **Communion of the People**

*Please come forward by the center aisle to receive the communion elements by intinction. You will receive a piece of bread and dip it in the chalice before then returning to your seat. Geneva Presbyterian practices an "open table", meaning that all who come to this meal by faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to participate. A gluten free option is available upon arrival at the Communion Table.*

## **Closing Song**

## **“My Lighthouse”**

### **Verse 1**

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea,  
whoa  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

### **Verse 2**

In the silence You won't let go  
In the questions Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea,  
whoa  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

### **Chorus**

My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
shining in the darkness, I will follow You  
whoa  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
I will trust the promise, You will carry me  
Safe to shore, safe to shore  
Safe to shore, safe to shore

### **Verse 3**

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
with each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea,  
whoa  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh  
You are my light

### **Bridge (2x)**

Fire before us, You're the brightest  
You will lead us through the storm (Hey!)

### **To Chorus**

## **Charge to the People**

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**



**Names in bold are new prayer list additions.**  
The work, worship, pastor and leadership of Geneva.

**Comfort for the Family and Friends of**

**Ron Hauber, friend of Sara Torrence**  
**Joan Snider Voith, sister-in-law of Elaine Winch**

Jeanie Voith Bort, Aunt of Elaine (Voith) Winch  
Bobbie Maxwell;  
John Wright;  
Tomoko Alexander, mother of Jeff Alexander;  
Andy Sullivan, Friend of the McElwaine Family;  
Michelle Wilson (husband, Myles, and son, Holden), friend of Tom Sadler;  
Justin Pack, nephew of PJ Davis;

**Healing and Comfort for**

**Mohammad Pajouhi, uncle to Hamed Moghaddam & brother to Ency Moghaddam, for healing,  
wisdom for the doctors, and restoration of his heart;**

Rev. Mary Pullen, cancer treatment;  
Allyson McElwaine, health concerns;  
Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;  
Victoria Winch, traveling mercies;  
Kevin Shaver, health concerns;  
Bob Daraskevich and his family, friend of Kyla Lupo, undergoing cancer treatment;  
Nancy Morse, health concerns;  
Scott Brown, health concerns;  
John Hanson, friend of Sara Torrence, health concerns;  
Margaret and Don Acton, parents of Amanda White, continued health concerns;  
Paul Quin, husband of Pamela Wilson, health concerns;  
Rosie Perthel, health concerns;  
Pepe Marin, health concerns;  
Nancy Rawson, health concerns;  
Rosalie Ruff, health concerns;  
Dinah Paffrath, aunt of Renee Moloznik, receiving cancer treatments;  
Jeff Leicht, Renee Moloznik's brother;  
Judith Sadler, mother of Tom Sadler, mental illness and PG County guardianship care;  
Leland Perthel, living with Post-Concussion Syndrome;  
Sandra Kichefski, sister of Sheri Sankey, health concerns;

# Geneva September



Neurodiverse Playdate  
Sept. 6th, 11-Noon



Back to School Concert  
Sept. 6th, 4-5:00 PM



Kickoff Picnic  
Sept. 7th  
Following Worship



Joyful Noise Service  
Sept. 14th, 9:30-10  
AM



Adult Bible Study  
Sept. 10, 17, 24  
6pm



Kid' s Mini Golf Field  
Trip!  
Sept. 27, 4pm



*Wednesday Bible Study*  
THIS FALL

## **Dream Small:**

The Secret Power of  
the Ordinary Christian  
Life

**better dreams, not bigger**



JOIN US WEDNESDAYS  
6:00PM ON ZOOM  
STARTING 9/10

## ***Today's Worship Leaders***

*Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor; Ben Shaver, Music Director;*

*Rolf Winch, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host;*

*Ken Sprinkle, Curtis Chimba, Audio/Visual*

### **Church Elders**

Kyla Lupo, Julie Moloznik, Tom  
Sadler, Sheri Sankey, Ken Sprinkle,  
Elaine Winch, Jack Kough

### **Church Deacons**

Eve Dailey, Sheena Galliani,  
Allyson McElwaine, Carl Perthel,  
Janelle Thibau, Renee Moloznik

*If you have any ideas, suggestions, or concerns, please share them with our officers.*  
Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Geneva Presbyterian  
Family.

***Geneva warmly welcomes all our guests joining us today***

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