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10:30am

Childcare is available in a downstairs classroom -- please ask an Usher for help.

The Gathering

Welcome to worship with Geneva Presbyterian Church! Whether you're joining us online or in person, we're glad you're here and grateful to be gathered as a community united in Christ. This is your spiritual home -- we encourage you to sing, pray, and be yourself just as God made you in this holy space.

We greet with open arms and open hearts guests and new church members across the full diversity of life, including differences in sex, gender identity, age, race, ethnicity, national origin, range of abilities, marital status, family structure, financial means, and education.

No matter who you are, you are welcome here and we hope you will feel home at Geneva.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to the Worship of God

Call to Worship

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

People: Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Leader: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

People: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Leader: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

People: my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

Leader: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

People: It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

– Psalm 130

Opening Hymn

ADORATION

We Praise You, O God

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1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we shy away when the opportunity arises. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to live standing on the promises you have made, but we place our trust in the illusions of this world.

Draw us near to your heart again and forgive us, O Gracious One, as we approach your throne of mercy in prayer...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

FORGIVENESS

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We Are Forgiven

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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; The Lord's Prayer

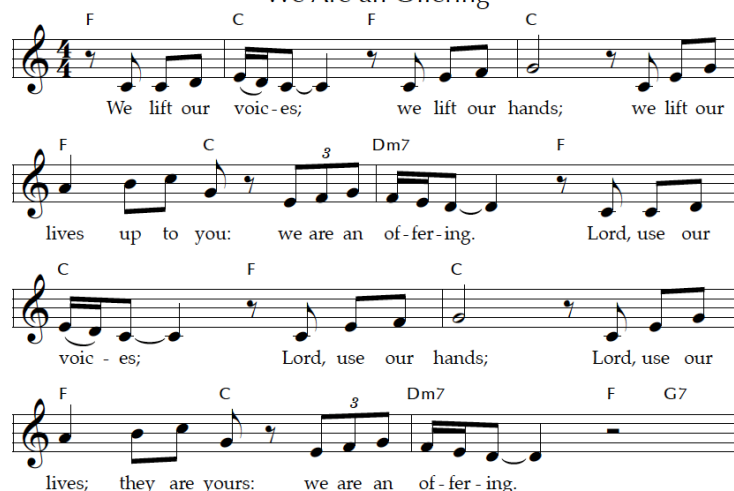
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

We Lift Our Voices

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We Are an Offering



We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our
lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our
voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our
lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.



All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we
give to you, we give to you. We lift our
voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, our rock and redeemer. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

John 11:38-44

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Renee Moloznik

(Children 5th grade and younger are invited to join Bridges to Worship in the downstairs classroom following the Children's Sermon)

Second Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Hope for Dry Bones”

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

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.



Closing Hymn

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

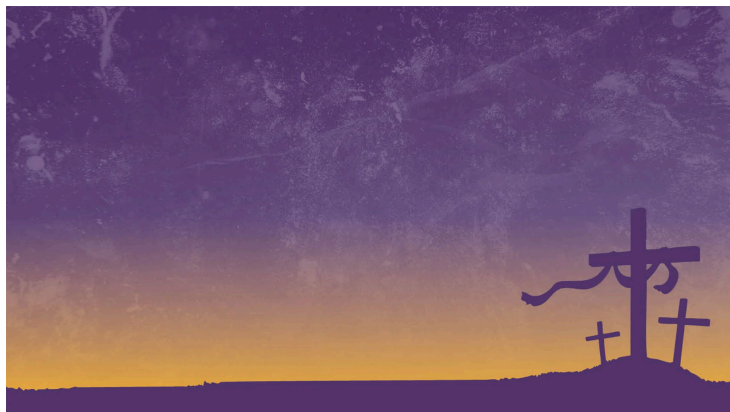
Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베풀 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

Charge and Benediction

Postlude



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

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

Comfort for the Family and Friends of

Alyssa Kakol, a friend of Sara and Tom Sadler, died tragically in a pedestrian accident;
Rosalie Ruff;
Tom Maxwell;
Paul Quin, husband of Pamela Wilson;
Adriana Bockma, friend of Sara Torrence;
Richard Torrence, brother-in-law of Sara Torrence;
Ron Hauber, friend of Sara Torrence;
Joan Snider Voith, sister-in-law of Elaine Winch;
Bobbie Maxwell;
John Wright;

Healing and Comfort for

Karen Dove, health concerns, friend of the McElwaines;
Scott Brown, recent hernia surgery;
Hamed Moghaddam, health concerns;
Tim Davidson, brain tumor, uncle of Ben Shaver;
Stacey Mastrian, health concerns, friend and former professor of Ben Shaver;
Sarah Siegel, traveling mercies;
Gabrielle Suver, seriously injured in a hit and run bicycle accident;
The Moghaddam family and their business, during a time of discernment and transition;
Jeff Norwood, Cancer Treatment, friend of Moloznik family;
Sam White, undiagnosed health concerns;
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;
Kevin Shaver, health concerns;
Bob Daraskevich and his family, friend of Kyla Lupo, undergoing cancer treatment;
Nancy Morse, health concerns;
John Hanson, friend of Sara Torrence, health concerns;
Margaret and Don Acton, parents of Amanda White, continued health concerns;
Pepe Marin, health concerns;
Nancy Rawson, health concerns;
Judith Sadler, mother of Tom Sadler, mental illness and PG County guardianship care;
Sandra Kichefski, sister of Sheri Sankey, health concerns;

TODAY'S MUSIC

We Praise You, O God

Julia C. Cory (1882-1963) wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict. While the tune is from Neder-landtsch Gedenck-Clanck in 1626, the harmony was composed by Viennese choir director and composer, Eduard, Kremser in 1877.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by Methodist writer and pastor Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960) that has gained much currency.

The tune, by William Marion Runyan (1870-1957), was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Easter Lilies!



Would you like to purchase an Easter lily to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday?

Each lily is \$16.50. To order, please email admin@genevapotomac.org by noon on March 30th. If your lily is in honor or memory of someone please be sure to include that information in your email.

To pay for your lily, you can make a check payable to Geneva Presbyterian Church, write Easter lily in the memo and mail your check to the church. Alternatively you may pay online, by going to Special Gifts at <https://genevapotomac.org/give/online-giving/>



 <i>Holy Week at Geneva Presbyterian</i>	
<i>MARCH 29 (PALM SUNDAY)</i>	10:30AM - WORSHIP 11:45AM - CRAFTS & EGG STUFFING
<i>APRIL 2 (MAUNDY THURSDAY)</i>	7:00PM - WORSHIP
<i>APRIL 3 (GOOD FRIDAY)</i>	NOON - WORSHIP (ZOOM)
<i>APRIL 5 (EASTER SUNDAY)</i>	10:00AM - EASTER EGG HUNT 10:30AM - WORSHIP

Geneva March



Ordination & Installation
of Church Officers
March 1st During Worship



Neurodiverse Playdate
March 7th, 11-Noon
At Geneva



Joyful Noise Service
March 15th
9:30-10 AM



Childrens Chimes
March 22rd
During Sunday School



Palm Sunday Service
March 29th
10:30 AM



Palm Sunday Craft Event
& Easter Egg Stuffing
March 29th
After Worship Service

Today's Worship Leaders

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

Mark Allen, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host;

Curtis Chimba & Zach Micheals, Audio/Visual

Church Elders	Church Deacons
Kyla Lupo, Julie Moloznik, Sheri Sankey, Ken Sprinkle, Janelle Thibau Daniela Smith, Jack Kough	Eve Dailey, Sheena Galliani, Allyson McElwaine, Carl Perthel, Renee Moloznik

If you have 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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