

**JULY 26, 2020**



## **GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor**

## **The Gathering**

*(Welcome to Virtual Church with Geneva Presbyterian Church! We are honored to worship together with you today and grateful we can gather in this way as the Body of Christ. There will be opportunities for responsive readings during worship; the Zoom host will unmute you and mute you as appropriate. The same goes for singing hymns: your microphone will be turned off, so make a joyful noise and sing with all your heart!)*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome to the Worship of God**

### **Silence and Introit**

### **Call to Worship** (*This is adapted from “Social Justice Lectionary” written by Steve Garnass-Holmes*)

One: You are a mustard seed of justice.

**All: Never mind the smallness of your witness.**

One: The wound is deep, the sickness is awful,

**All: the hunger is great.**

One: But you are a mustard seed of healing and justice.

**All: Immeasurable divine fruit is hidden**

One: in the smallest acts of love and courage.

**All: It's not about you. It's the power you contain.**

One: You are a mustard seed of justice.

**All: But only when you are sown.**

### **Opening Hymn**

### **“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

### **#48**

I. 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.

II. 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.

III. 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.

IV. Great Father of glory, pure Father of 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.  
Amen.

## Call to Confession

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

We lay before God: I confess my own share in the ills of the times. I have shirked my own responsibilities as a citizen. I have left to others a real interest in making a public opinion worthy of democracy. I have been concerned about my own little job, my own little security, my own shelter, my own bread. I have not really cared about jobs for others, security for others, shelter for others, bread for others. I have silenced my own voice that it may not be heard on the side of any cause, however right, if it meant running risks or damaging my own little reputation. Let Thy light burn in me that I may, from this moment on, take effective steps within my own powers, to live up to the light and courageously to pay for the kind of world I so deeply desire. Forgive us God. Amen.

*(This is adapted from "For the Inward Journey" by Howard Thurman)*

## Assurance of Pardon

### Congregational Response

**"Gloria Patri"**

**#734**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

### Joys and Concerns

*(The Virtual 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.

## The Word

### Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own; that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### First Reading

**1 Kings 3: 5 – 12**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading

**Matthew 13: 31 – 33, 44 – 52**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

**"The Kingdom of Heaven is like..."**

**Sara Sadler**

## **Affirmation of Faith /The 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**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

## **The Sending**

### **Closing Hymn**

### ***“Seek Ye First”***

**#349**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia! Amen.

### **Charge and Benediction**

### **Postlude**



**Names in bold are new prayer list additions.**

The work, worship, pastor and leadership of Geneva  
And of Iglesia de Dios El Nuevo Pacto

**Comfort for the Family and Friends of**

**Charlie Judkins, who passed on June 26;**

**Brian, friend of Kyla Lupo;**

Janelle Connevey Morris, Mother of Janelle Thibau;

Josephine Kom, Mother of Flore Kom-Liapoe;

Douglas Perthel, father of Carl Perthel;

Mitch Remer, father of Robin Kough;

Abe Leicht, father of Renee Moloznik;

Bessie Perthel, mother of Carl Perthel;

Julie Lynn Zabrusky, daughter of Nancy and Norm Rawson;

Tyler Allen; son of Mark and Holly Allen.

**Healing and Comfort for**

**Lorraine Leicht, Renee Moloznik's mother, health issues;**

**Maria Lenahan, health concerns;**

**Doris Williamson, health concerns;**

**Dinah Paffrath, aunt of Renee Moloznik, receiving cancer treatments;**

Beth, friend of Sara Torrence, metastatic breast cancer;

Bill Richards, cousin of Sara Torrence, in hospice care;

Curtis Allen, recovering from hip surgery;

Carl Perthel, health concerns;

Jeffrey Remer, brother of Robin Kough, health concerns;

Isabelle Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown, health concerns;

Joanne Elder, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, cancer;

Linda Fowler, friend of Rhonda Ricci, multiple health concerns;

Adeline Siaka, widow of Emmanuel Siaka;

Mary Bird, aunt of Renee Moloznik, health concerns;

Linda Hanson, friend of Geneva, health concerns;

Justin Pack, nephew of PJ Davis, diagnosed with ALS;

Daniel Adkins, nephew of Kyla and Vince Lupo, health concerns;

Donald Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown, health concerns;

Ellie Alexander, health concerns;

Henry Haller, health concerns;

Emilia Monte, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, recurring cancer;

Jeff Leicht, Renee Moloznik's brother;

Judith Sadler, mother to Tom Sadler, mental illness and PG County guardianship care;

Leland Perthel, recovering from concussion;

Lurie Emmons, cousin of Terry Shima, recovering from cancer surgery

Madeleine Schinosi, friend of Gretchen Winch, recurring cancer.

Norm Rawson, head injury;

Ray Johnson, father of Katie Harris;

Samuel Kuate, Flora Kom Liapoe's brother-in-law, recovering from an ischemic stroke;

Sandy Kichefski, sister of Sheri Sankey, health concerns;

Sue, friend of Maria Lenahan, health issues;

Yvonne Bean, mother of Debbie Dunne;

Zoë, friend of Bob and Rhonda Ricci, health concerns;

**Prayers for Peace**

Daniel Kough, son of Jack and Robin Kough, home from Afghanistan.

Walter Sprinkle, son of Ken and Nan Sprinkle, US Army Special Training

**WELCOME TO GENEVA!** We welcome you to this church and want you to feel at home. We want you to feel accepted here, and also challenged, even as we invite you to accept and challenge us. If you are new to this community or do not have a church home, we invite you to join us. Please contact a staff member using any of the emails on the back of today's bulletin.



**Birthdays:** Molly Winchenbach (7/1); Ben Shaver (7/3); Tim Sullivan (7/5); Elaine Brasted (7/10); Juliet Heimberg (7/10); Liz-Maelle Kom Liapoe (7/14); Judy Royston (7/14); Bri Millet (7/14); Eleanor Liu (7/16); David Royston (7/20); Paul Prosswimmer (7/24); Victoria Winch (7/25); Rolf Winch (7/30)

## This Week at Geneva

Sunday, July 26	10:30am	Worship – <b>Virtual Church</b>
Wednesday, July 29	7:00pm	<b>Virtual Bible Study</b>
Sunday, August 2	10:30am	Worship – <b>Virtual Church</b>

# Announcements

- **Dismantling Racism Resources**

The world changes one person at a time and we can each "do our own work" to best be prepared to serve as Jesus' disciples in the world. This is true in all areas of our lives, including how we recognize and respond to race, racism, and the overdue call for justice in our society.

National Capital Presbytery, our denomination's regional ecclesial body, is committed to the work of "Dismantling Racism". The Presbytery has posted a phenomenal set of resources on its website to help Christians learn, reflect, and respond to racism: reading lists, events, videos, and more. Here is the link to those resources:

<https://thepresbytery.org/mission-highlights/dismantling-racism/>

I commend these resources to you and invite you to join me in diving deeply into this matter of utmost importance for our faith and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

With love and solidarity in our Lord,

*Pastor Patrick*

- Online Giving with the GivePlus (Give+) App

You can now support God's ministry through Geneva Presbyterian Church with your smartphone, tablet, or computer! Search for and download "GivePlus" (Give+) from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store to get started.



You'll create an account, choose Geneva Presbyterian Church (in Potomac) as your home church, and then you're ready to give in a secure and convenient way!

Here are two resources to help you get set up:

YouTube Video with Instructions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAjqUxK8YRk>

GivePlus Website with a FAQ and "How To"

<https://giveplushelp.vancopayments.com/>

I'm excited to expand our opportunities to give and invite you to explore if Online Giving is the right choice for you. No matter how you choose to give, thank you for your financial generosity -- your support is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and transforming lives every day.

- Virtual Church with Geneva Presbyterian: Sundays @ 10:30am

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/2SL4E76>

Meeting ID: 668 560 374

Password: 240543

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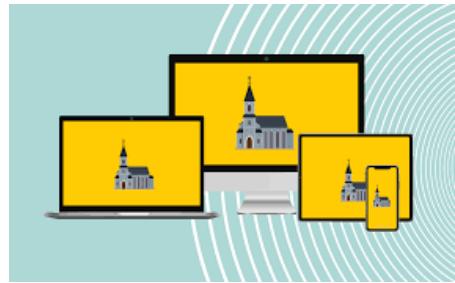
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- Virtual Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3c3kscZ>

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- Geneva Worship Videos

Did you know that Geneva Virtual Church videos are recorded and online? Missed a service? Want to share with a friend? A full recording of worship is just a click away!

[Click HERE to watch our past Virtual Worship services!](#)



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

*Sara Sadler, Guest Pastor; Ben Shaver, Musician; Alice Franks, Lector;  
Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.*

### **Church Elders**

Jane Campbell, Jack Kough, Carl Perthel,  
Tom Sadler, Sheri Sankey,  
Janelle Thibau, Elaine Winch

### **Church Deacons**

Ludivine Kom-Liapoe, Bobbie Maxwell,  
Renee Moloznik, Rosie Perthel,  
Rhonda Ricci

*If you have any ideas, suggestions or concerns, please share them with our officers.*



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

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