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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: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People: Make me to know your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths.

Leader: Lead me in your truth and teach me,

People: for you are the God of my salvation; for you I will wait all the day long.

-- Psalm 25:1, 4-5

Opening Hymn *(In the spirit of worshiping God through the gift of music, please take a handchime found at the end of your pew and we will join together in "random ringing" throughout the opening hymn!)*

C G

1 As the wind song through the trees, as the
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the
1 風之頌, 林中吹送, 輕風之
2 彩之虹, 雨後高懸, 生之

C/G G Em Bm

stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of
hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of
送, 心中振動, 上主的靈如風吹
盼, 人間再現, 上主的靈如風吹

Am D Em Em/D

God, as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the
God, as the green in the spring, as a
送; 心溫暖, 奇異難明, 風浪
送; 春天裡, 青山綠水, 線上

C G/B Am7 D

voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of
kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of
中, 靜聽主聲, 上主的靈如風吹
繫, 飛揚風箏, 上主的靈如風吹

G Em Bm C

God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come
送; 眼不見, 心未明, 風來去何
送; 大地萬象更新, 和平終實

G Em Bm Am D

blown bring - ing life, bring - ing power to the world,
true, bring - ing gifts, bring - ing love to the world,
蹤, 給世人賜生命加力量;
現, 給世人帶來愛和禮物;

Em Em/D C

as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the
火之舌, 跳動飛舞, 心深處, 朝思暮
麵之醇, 悄然膨升, 盛宴上, 醇香美

G/B Am7 D G

sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
想, 上主的靈如風吹送。
酒, 上主的靈如風吹送。

Call to Confession

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

Lord Jesus, in our hearts we are each Judas. We are each Pharisees. We are each the crowds who call for Barabbas to be released and you to be condemned. We rebel at the very idea, but the truth is we betray you the same as these.

Yet, still, you call us beloved. You call us your sheep. You call us forgiven. Help us to trust this good news of grace again today, that coming to you in repentance we may receive cleansing and renewal by your Holy Spirit. Lord, help us to believe, and help us to confess rightly that which must be brought into the light...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

SERVICE MUSIC

582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ F Gm F



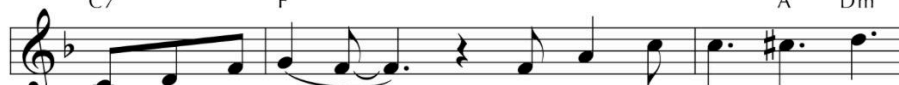
1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B $\flat$ E $\flat$ B $\flat$ Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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

Rain Down 48

Capo 3: (D) F (F#7) A 7 (Bm) Dm (D7) F7 (G) Bb

Rain down; rain down; rain down your

(D/F#) F/A (Em7) Gm7 (A7) C7 (D) F (F#7) A 7 (Bm) Dm

love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain

(D7) F7 (G) Bb (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (G) Bb (D) F

down; rain down your love, God of life.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Holy God, let us not reach too high in seeking out your mysteries, nor go beyond your Word in Scripture as our guide. By your Spirit, open our heart, mind, and will to what you teach us in these readings today. In the blessed name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Cali Bronkema

(Children 5th grade and younger are invited to join Bridges to Worship in the downstairs classroom following the Children's Sermon. Please join NextGen Director Cali Bronkema in the rug area to participate!)

Second Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 8:8-15

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Generous Like God"

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

Affirmation of Faith *(in unison)*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

— Philipians 2:5-11



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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

“Trading My Sorrows”

I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord

We Say
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord!
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord!
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord!
Amen

I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord

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

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;
Melody Shaver, Ben's dog, compressed vertebrae;
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;



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

Want to do some Ringing?!

Whether you're a seasoned musician or a beginner, the Bells of Geneva welcome you to try your hand at ringing! We provide guidance and mentorship for newcomers.



Performing with a handbell choir can be a rewarding way to contribute to community events, church services, or concerts, spreading joy and music to audiences.



If you're looking for a creative and engaging way to connect with others and enhance your musical journey, joining a handbell choir could be the perfect fit.

Join us on August 24th after church, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

There will also be a table set up in the sanctuary for you to try your hand at ringing *before and after* the service.

Homecoming Concert & Sing-a-long!

All are invited to come sing, dance, and have fun at this free concert with live singers and videos of some of our favorite songs from animated movies!

**September 6, 2025
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**In the Sanctuary of
Geneva Presbyterian Church**



Today's Worship Leaders

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

Janelle Thibau, *Lector*; Kyla Lupo, *Zoom Host*

Ken Denaburg and Curtis Chimba, *Audio/Visual*

Church Elders	Church Deacons
Kyla Lupo, Julie Moloznik, Tom Sadler, Sheri Sankey, Ken Sprinkle, Elaine Winch, Jack Kough	Eve Dailey, Sheena Galliani, Allyson McElwaine, Carl Perthel, Janelle Thibau, 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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