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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.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude, Processional, and Song

Welcome to the Worship of God

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader: See, your king comes to you;

People: triumphant and victorious is he,

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,

People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

From Psalm 118:26 and Zechariah 9:9

Opening Prayer

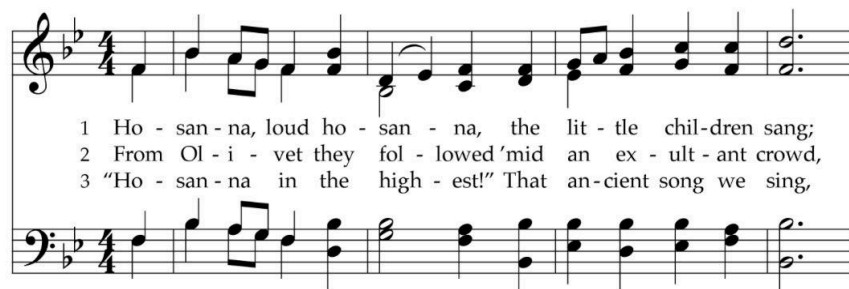
Remembering Christ's Humility

Philippians 2:5-11

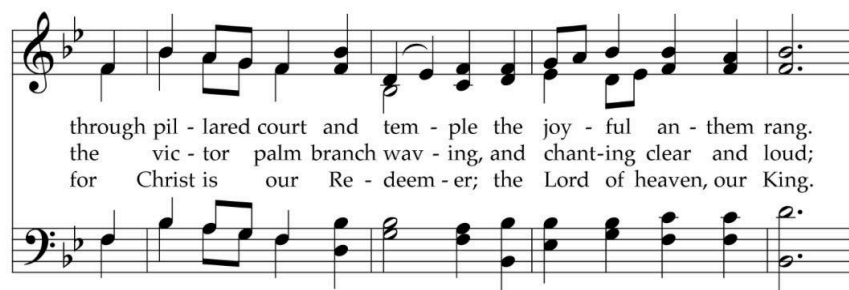
Opening Hymn

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

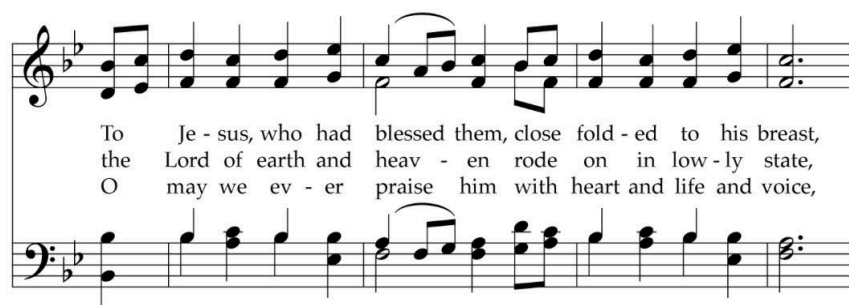
197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



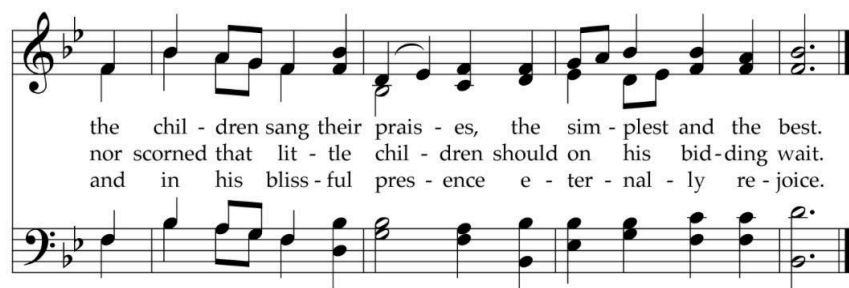
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang,
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Joys and Concerns (The live stream recording is turned off during this portion of the service. 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

Congregational Response (Verses 1 & 2)

THE CHURCH

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
Bbm Fm



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
Bbm Fm



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
Dbm Fm



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
Bbm Fm Bbm Cm Fm Bbm/F Fm



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

Prayer of the Day *(in unison out loud)*

Everlasting God, in your tender love you sent your Son to take on flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Meghan Micheals

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

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-40

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Whose Will Be Done?"

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

Music Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

O Christ, the Great Foundation 361



1 O Christ, the great foun-da - tion on which your peo - ple stand
 2 Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, one church in all the earth,
 3 Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, where strong de - vour the weak,
 4 This is the mo - ment glo - rious when he who once was dead

to preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land:
 we bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth:
 where in - no - cents are fright - ened, the righ - teous fear to speak,
 shall lead his church vic - to - rious, their cham - pion and their head.

pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it to make us strong and pure,
 one ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own,
 there let your church a - wak - ing at - tack the powers of sin
 The Lord of all cre - a - tion his heaven - ly king - dom brings:

to keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.
 by grace we were in - vit - ed; by grace we make you known.
 and, all their ram - parts break - ing, with you the vic - tory win.
 the fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, the glo - ry of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).

TEXT: Timothy T'ingfang Lew, 1933, alt.; trans. Mildred A. Wiant, 1966
 MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864
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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

Joe Morman, uncle of Robin Kough;

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;
Peppe 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;

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/>



Holy Week at Geneva Presbyterian

MARCH 29 (PALM SUNDAY)

10:30AM - WORSHIP

11:45AM - CRAFTS & EGG STUFFING

APRIL 2 (MAUNDY THURSDAY)

7:00PM - WORSHIP

APRIL 3 (GOOD FRIDAY)

NOON - WORSHIP (ZOOM)

APRIL 5 (EASTER SUNDAY)

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

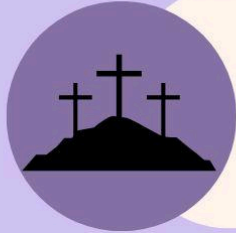


Palm Sunday Service
March 29th
10:30 AM



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

Geneva April



Maundy Thursday
April 2nd, Service: 7:00
Good Friday
Noon, Online



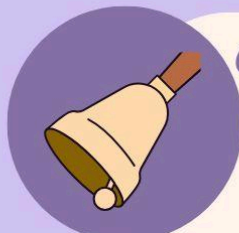
Easter
April 5th
Egg Hunt: 10:00
Worship: 10:30



Neurodiverse Playdate
Will continue in May



Joyful Noise Service
Will continue in May



Childrens Chimes Practice
April 26
During Sunday School

Today's Worship Leaders

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

Janelle Thibau, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host;

Sheri Sankey, Curtis Chimba , 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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