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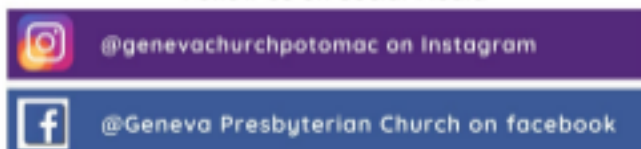


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10:30am

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: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

People: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

People: He determines the number of the stars and gives to all of them their names.

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

People: The LORD lifts up the afflicted; he casts the wicked to the ground.

– Psalm 147:1-6

Opening Hymn “Our God Is an Awesome God” #616

ADORATION

Our God Is an Awesome God 616

Awesome God

The musical notation is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/2 time signature. The melody is accompanied by chords indicated by letters above the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Our God is an awe-some God who reigns from heav-en a-bove

with wis - dom, power, and love; our God is an awe-some God!

This is a contemporary worship song that first gained recognition on Christian radio and later became a popular congregational song. “Awesome” here is not a trivial expression but carries the meaning of “awe-inspiring” and is based on Scripture (e.g. Daniel 9:4).

TEXT: Rich Mullins, 1988, alt.

MUSIC: Rich Mullins, 1988

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AWESOME GOD

Irregular

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

Almighty God, you spoke creation into existence in your freely given love.
Now fallen and marked by sin, you graciously restore all of life once again
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Light of the World, in your mercy show us your ways with fresh insight.
Count us as sheep of your flock worthy of correction and protection. Hear
us as we confess our own sinfulness and the sins of this world, seeking the
forgiveness you offer...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response “Love the Lord Your God” *(sung twice)* #62

62 Love the Lord Your God

Capo 4: (C) (G) (F) (C)
E B A E

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

(C) (G) (F) (C)
E B A E

Love the Lord your God with all your soul.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

(F) (Dm7) (Em7) (Am7) (Dm7) (G) (C)
A F#m7 G#m7 C#m7 F#m7 B E

Love the Lord your God with all your mind.

(F) (Dm7) (Em7) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
A F#m7 G#m7 C#m7 A B E

Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

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

Rain Down 48

Capo 3: (D) F (F#7) A7 (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) A7 (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.

This refrain comes from a longer song based on Psalm 33, but the striking image of God's love falling like rain is not actually present in that psalm. That image may be based on Ezekiel 34:26, where God promises to send showers of blessing upon the people of the covenant.

TEXT: Jaime Cortez, 1991
MUSIC: Jaime Cortez, 1991; arr. John Carter, 2001
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RAIN DOWN
Irregular

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

Isaiah 53:1-8

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

Mark 14:32-42

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"A Loneliness Believers Will Never Know"

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

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

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 Sending

Closing Hymn “My Lighthouse” by Rend Collective

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, oh oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

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, oh oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Refrain

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my lighthouse (oh oh)
I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

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, oh oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh

Refrain

Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms **(4x)**

Charge and 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

Justin Pack, nephew of PJ Davis;
Ben Shaver's friend, Kitt Crescenzo, at the death of her partner Adrian;
Vince Lupo's family member, Uncle Lawrence;
Tina Martin, Sister-in-Law of Ken Sprinkle;
The family of Katie Richards Roome, friend of Letitia Denaburg;
John L. Sever, fellow Rotarian and friend of Sara Torrence and Jim Harris;
Robert Owers, friend of Sara Torrence;
Tim Butcher, friend of Sara Torrence;
Emmanuel Mbi;
Kathy Torrence, niece of Jim and Sara Torrence;
Janet Lupo Neidermuller, sister-in-law of Vince Lupo;

Healing and Comfort for

Felicity Dail, daughter of Jonathan Dail and Kristina Kough, health concerns;
Rolf Winch, surgery;
Kevin Shaver, health concerns;
Ron Dobransky, Friend of the Winch Family, health concerns;
Bud Riley, Rebecca Winch's father-in-law;
John Wright, health concerns;
Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;
Eleanor Rassmussen, Allyson McElwaine's aunt, 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;
Isabelle Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown, health concerns;
Daniel Adkins, nephew of Kyla and Vince Lupo, health concerns;
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;

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: Suzanne Funk (8/1); Alfonzo Lizama (8/2); Ken Sprinkle (8/8);
Renee Moloznik (8/14); Judy Stiles (8/15); Tom Maxwell (8/15);
Jeanette Perthel (8/25)

This Week at Geneva

Sunday, August 25	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Monday, August 26	6:00pm	Meeting: Session - Online
Saturday, August 31	4:00pm	Nats Faith Day
Sunday, September 1	10:30am	Worship – In-Person and Online
Monday, September 2		Memorial Day: Church office closed

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NATS FAITH DAY

- August 31st, 4:00 Game
- \$30 Suggested Donation
- Limited Tickets Available
- Email thomasjsadler@gmail.com to register and learn more!



Geneva September



Neurodiverse Playdate
Sept. 7th, 11-Noon



Back to School Concert
Sept. 7th, 4-5:30 PM



Joyful Noise Service
Sept. 8th, 9:30-10 AM



Kickoff Picnic
Sept. 15th
Following Worship



Adult Bible Study
Sept. 18th & 25th, 6pm



Childrens Chimes
Practice
Sept. 22nd & 29
Following Worship

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Today's Worship Leaders

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

Janelle Thibau, Lector; Tom Sadler, Zoom Host.

Sheri Sankey and Tom Sadler, Audio/Visual

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

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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