

March 30, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY^{IN} LENT

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March 30, 2025

10:30am

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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 at home at Geneva.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to the Worship of God

Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning, God set Adam and Eve in the garden,

People: And spread out a feast before them, all the bounty of earth.

Leader: During their oppression, God gave the Israelites the feast of Passover,

People: A meal of deliverance which points us to freedom from sin in Christ.

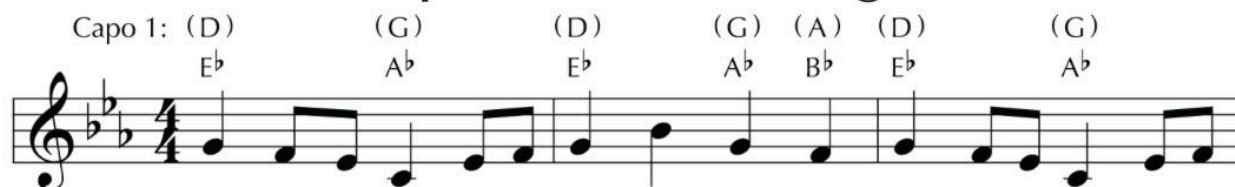
Leader: Today Jesus sets his table before us, bread and cup, body and blood,

People: Which is a taste of his heavenly banquet to come.

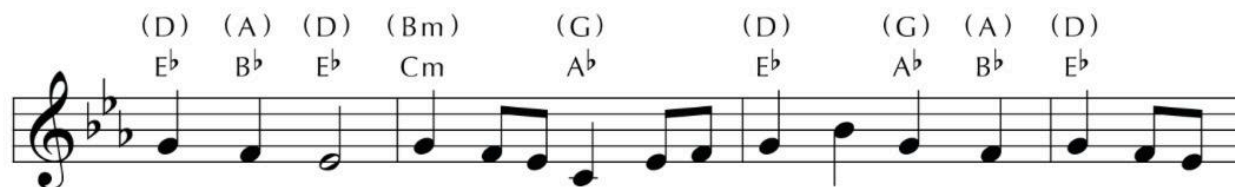
Leader: Brethren, let us gather for this Sabbath feast,

People: A feast of scripture and singing, prayer and praise, which nourishes us and glorifies God!

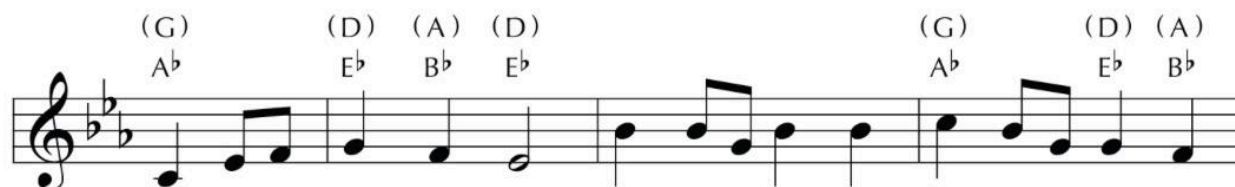
God, You Spin the Whirling Planets 23



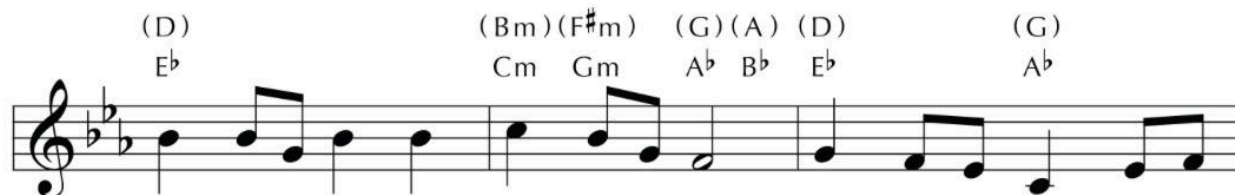
1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and
2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and
3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to



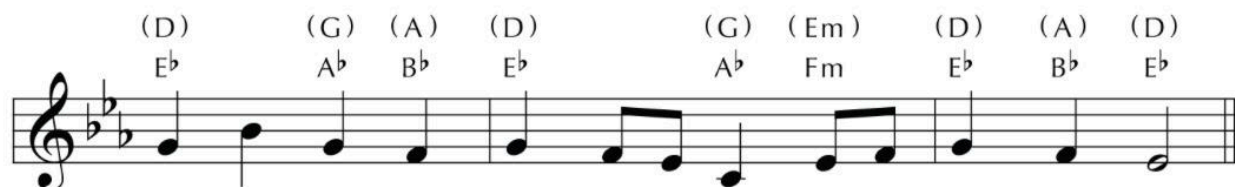
spread the plain, mold the moun - tains, fash - ion blos - soms, call forth
min - is - try. We re - spond in grate - ful wor - ship joined in
life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's



sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,
one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,
work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion.



would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,
fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened
Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures



grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.
as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.
in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

Call to Confession

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

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know the full depth and breadth of our sin; how we have wandered from your ways, wasted your gifts, forgotten your love.

By your loving mercy, forgive us again and help us to respond in gratitude with all our heart, mind, and strength. Hear our individual prayers in this time of silence...

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.

(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.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove: open our ears to the truth of your word, that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us and the glad news of deliverance revealed. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

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

Revelation 19: 6-9

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Lord Will Prepare His Banquet”

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

“To God Be the Glory”

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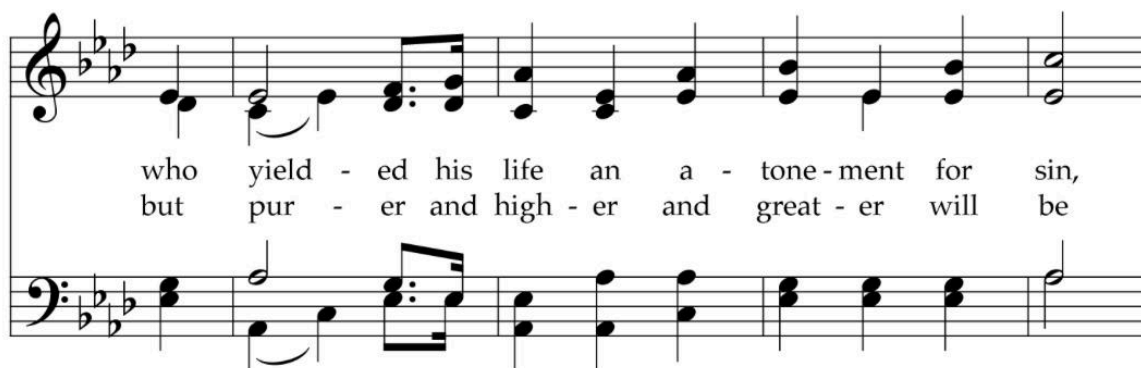
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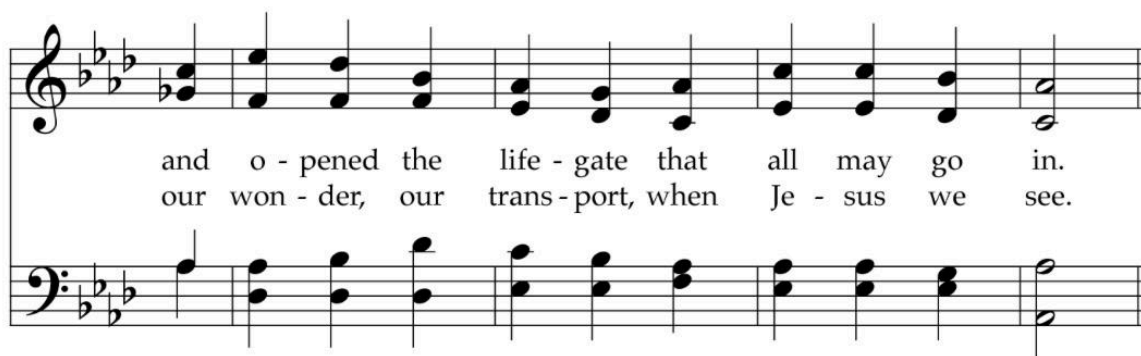
1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,



So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;



who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain



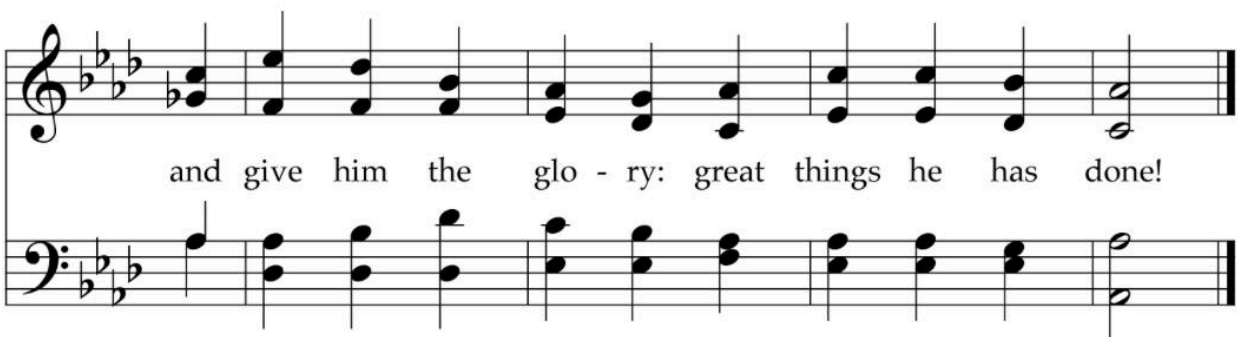
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!



O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,



and give him the glory: great things he has done!

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

Bobbie Maxwell;

John Wright;

Joe Khalil's uncle, Paul;

Helen Fink, Carolyn Fink's mother in law;

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;

Vince Lupo's family member, Uncle Lawrence Lupo;

Tina Martin, Sister-in-Law of Ken Sprinkle;

Healing and Comfort for

Allyson McElwaine, health concerns;

Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;

Brian Rasmussen, Allyson McElwaine's uncle, hip surgery;

Victoria Winch and the 3,400 Forest Service employees fired

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;

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: Vince Lupo (3/5); Anika Nagel (3/7); Flore Kom Liapoe (3/9); Carl Perthel (3/9); Daniel Kough (3/11); Nan Sprinkle (3/14); Rollin Franks (3/16); Kristina Dunne (3/20); Danny Miller (3/20); Matthew Dunne (3/21); Walter Sprinkle (3/28); Holly Allen (3/29)

This Week at Geneva

Monday, March 24	7:00pm	Meeting - Session
Wednesday, March 26	6:30pm	Ecumenical Lent Series – Geneva is hosting!
Sunday, March 30	10:30am	Worship - In Person and Online
Wednesday, April 2	6:30pm	Ecumenical Lent Series – Hosted at Seven Locks Baptist
Saturday, April 5	11:00am	Neurodiverse Playdate

Mission Update: Blood Drive

On March 9, 2025 Geneva co-sponsored a blood drive for INOVA at Beth Shalom Congregation. **The drive was immensely successful producing 37 pints of blood for the community.** Thank you all. Geneva members donated, spread the word and communicated via our new LED Sign. Several donors commented that they saw the announcement on Geneva's sign. We're planning another drive in July 2025.



 <i>Holy Week at Geneva Presbyterian</i>	
<i>APRIL 13TH (PALM SUNDAY)</i>	<i>10:30: WORSHIP 11:45: EGG STUFFING</i>
<i>APRIL 17 (MAUNDY THURSDAY)</i>	<i>6:00 POTLUCK DINNER 7:00 SERVICE</i>
<i>APRIL 18 (GOOD FRIDAY)</i>	<i>NOON: WORSHIP (ZOOM)</i>
<i>APRIL 20 (EASTER SUNDAY)</i>	<i>10:00 EASTER EGG HUNT 10:30 SERVICE 11:45: CRAFTS</i>

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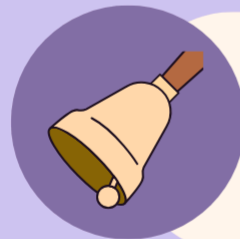
Neurodiverse Playdate
April 5th, 11-Noon
At Geneva



Bible Explorers
April 2, 9 & 30
6:00 pm



Joyful Noise Service
April 13th
9:30-10 AM



Childrens Chimes
Practice
April 6&13
During Sunday School



Maundy Thursday
Dinner: 6:00
Service: 7:00
Good Friday: Noon, online



Easter
Egg Hunt: 10:00
Worship: 10:30
Crafts: Following Worship

Today's Worship Leaders

*Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor; Ben Shaver, Music Director;
Mark Allen, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.
Ken Sprinkle, Zach Michaels, 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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