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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 home at Geneva.

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to the Worship of God

Call to Worship

Leader: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have set your glory above the heavens.

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

People: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God

People: and crowned them with glory and honor.

Leader: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

-- Psalm 8:1, 3-5, 9

Opening Hymn

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

We Lift Our Voices We Are an Offering

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering." The chords are: F, C, F, C, F, C, Dm7, F, C, F, C, C, F, G7, Em7, Asus A, Dm7, F, G, Esus E, Am, F, C, Bb, Dm, F, C, F, C, Dm7, C, Dm7, C.

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lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our
voice - es; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our
lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer - ing.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we
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voice - es; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

Call to Confession

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

All-Knowing God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others.

Forgive us, we pray. For when we do not know, and seek not to know. For when we do know, but choose not to act. For when we act, but according to our fallen nature. O Lord, help our profession to match our action, and our believing to match our doing. Enable us to begin anew now as we come to you with contrite hearts...

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^b F B^b F B^b 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^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7



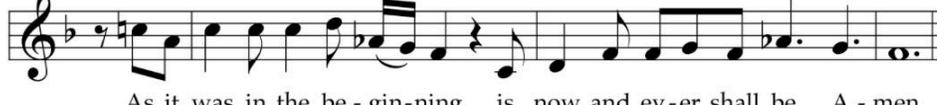
and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(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

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Capo 3: (D) (F#7) (Bm) (D7) (G)

F A7 Dm F7 Bb

Rain down; rain down; rain down your
 (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D) (F#7) (Bm)
 F/A Gm7 C7 F A7 Dm
 love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain
 (D7) (G) (Em) (A7) (G) (D)
 F7 Bb Gm C7 Bb F
 down; rain down your love, God of life.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Holy Triune God, in the reading and proclaiming of this scripture, make known to us your ways of salvation and life. Prepare our heart to receive this Good News, our mind to properly understand, and our spirit to live for You alone. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:19

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 4:7-12

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Jars of Clay"

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

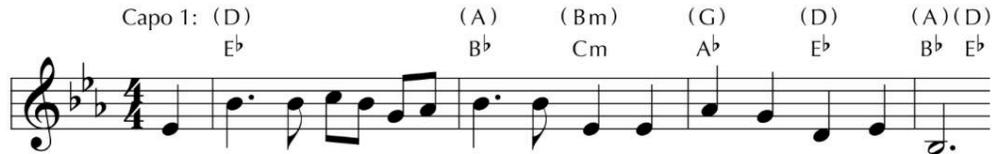
Beloved, we invite you to join in the ministry of this church with your tithes and offerings. Your gifts may be received in the physical offering plate in the back of the sanctuary or online using the QR code in your bulletin. Let us give generously and joyfully.



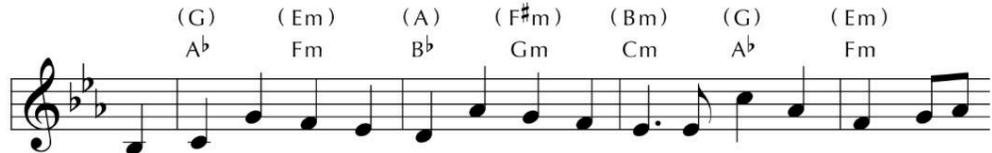
Closing Hymn

CONFESSION

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 432



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for-get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be-came in hin-dranc-es more sure:
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re -
 if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -
 whose joy - ful vir-tues put to shame the ca-sual way we wear your
 in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to



stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 wind its tan-gled skein of care: our in-ward life re - pair.
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav-ored, done.

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
Family and friends of 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

Rev. Mary Pullen, cancer treatment
Allyson McElwaine, health concerns;
Mike Sydoriak, health concerns;
Brian Rasmussen, Allyson McElwaine's uncle, hip surgery;
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;

Geneva Summer



Neurodiverse Playdates

11am-Noon

June 7, July 5,

Aug. 2nd



Summer Splash Days

11am-Noon

June 14, July 26,

Aug. 9th



Bells Concert

June 22nd

3pm



Vacation Bible School

Aug. 18-22nd

Register by Aug. 1st

A close-up photograph of a person's hands shaping a piece of light-colored clay on a pottery wheel. The wheel is spinning, creating concentric rings in the clay. The background is dark and out of focus, showing other pottery pieces. The overall tone is warm and artistic.

2025 Summer Sermon Series

“TREASURE IN JARS OF CLAY”

Join us as we preach through 2 Corinthians!

Today's Worship Leaders

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

Julie Moloznik, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host

Sheri Sankey and Zach Michaels, 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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