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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: How sweet are your words to my taste, O God, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

People: Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

Leader: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

People: Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.

-- Psalm 119:104-105, 108

Opening Hymn

452 Open the Eyes of My Heart

O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O - pen the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you; I want to see you;

to see you high and lift - ed up,

shin - ing in the light of your glo - ry. Pour out your

pow - er and love as we sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see you.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord who is the Great I AM, your mercy and goodness are from ages unto ages. You, and only you, are the same yesterday, today, and forever. We are bold in our sin and delight in our transgressions. We are two-sided, saying one thing while doing another. We dishonor you in thought, word, and deed, often without recognition or care.

Holy Spirit, grieve our hearts of our sinfulness that we may kneel before God in confession. Our elder brother, our shepherd, our Savior: blessed Jesus, receive these prayers and forgive us in your abundant compassion...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

FORGIVENESS

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We Are Forgiven

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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

We Lift Our Voices 710 We Are an Offering

Left staff musical notation for 'We Lift Our Voices'. The melody is in 4/4 time, starting on a treble clef. The notes are: F4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The lyrics are: 'We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.' The notes are: F4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The lyrics are: 'We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.' The notes are: F4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The lyrics are: 'We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.' The notes are: F4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The lyrics are: 'We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.'

Right staff musical notation for 'We Lift Our Voices'. The melody is in 4/4 time, starting on a treble clef. The notes are: Em7 (quarter), Asus (quarter), A (quarter), Dm7 (quarter), F (quarter), G (quarter), Esus (quarter), E (quarter), Am (quarter). The lyrics are: '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 of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.' The notes are: F (quarter), C (quarter), Bb (quarter), Dm (quarter), F (quarter). The lyrics are: '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 of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.' The notes are: C (quarter), F (quarter), C (quarter), F (quarter), C (quarter). The lyrics are: '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 of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.' The notes are: C (quarter), F (quarter), C (quarter), F (quarter), C (quarter). The lyrics are: '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 of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.'

The Word

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

Holy Spirit, illumine to me the Word of Life as we approach holy scripture this morning. Leave no corner of my life untended by Your hand, and call forth from me fresh commitment in response to the reading and proclaiming of this Word. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Acts 13:16-23

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Julie Moloznik

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

Second Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The LORD Looks on the Heart” *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

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

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)

F Gm



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)

C7 F



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)

F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)

Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."
 Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

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PROMISE
 8.7.8.7.D

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

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;
Pepe 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;

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

2026 Churches of Seven Locks

Lenten Bible Study

Theme: Rest

- 2/25 – Geneva Presbyterian: Sabbath Rest & Worship
- 3/4 – Seven Locks Baptist: Sloth & Inattentiveness
- 3/11 – St. James Episcopal: Caring for Creation
- 3/18 – Emmanuel: Eternal Rest

Schedule:

6:30pm | Meal

7:00-8:00pm | Program

We hope to see you there!



Today's Worship Leaders

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

Alice Franks, Lector; Thomas Sadler, Zoom Host;

Ken Denaburg & Thomas Sadler, 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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