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Trinity Sunday

10:30 am

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: Jesus calls us to go and make disciples,

People: baptizing them in the triune name of God.

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

People: the earth is full of the glory of God.

Leader: We have peace with God through Jesus Christ;

People: we have love from God through the Holy Spirit.

Call to Confession

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

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we sometimes get too caught up in the specifics. We ask such lofty questions that we forget the basics: do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God. Love God and your neighbor as yourself.

Lord, forgive us, and help us to live according to your will. When we get in our own way, bless us with gentle reminders of your grace and call us back to the joy of your abundant love. Forgiving God, we open our hearts to you now in silent prayer...

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) (C) (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 Virtual 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 B^b

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 B^b Gm C7 B^b 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
Text and Music © 1992 Jaime Cortez (Published by OCP)

RAIN DOWN
Irregular

The Word

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor and praise to your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1-3

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 Cali Bronkema in the rug area to participate!)

Second Scripture Reading

John 16:8-15

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Comfort, Patience, and Wonder"

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

Affirmation of Faith/Apostles' Creed *(in unison)*

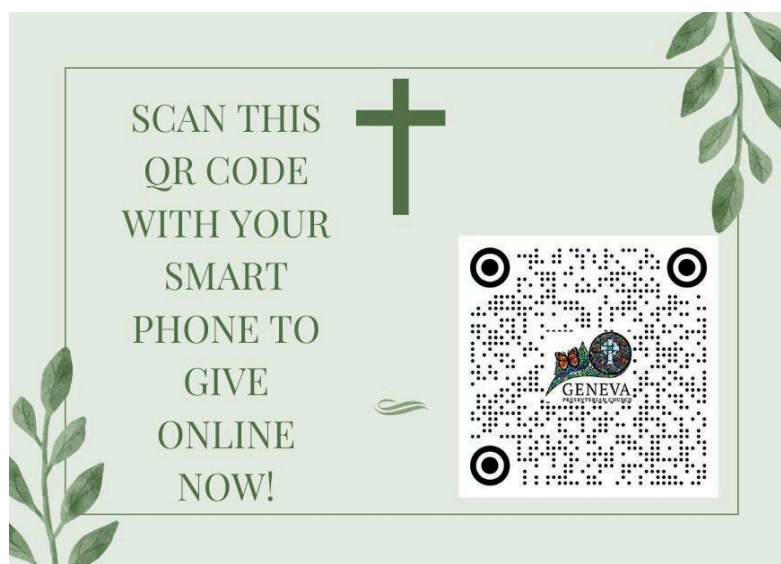
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; 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



Music Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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As the Wind Song

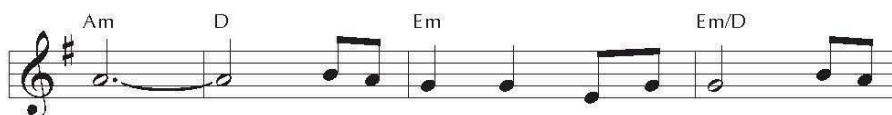
風之頌



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the
1 風之頌, 林中吹送, 輕風之
2 彩之虹, 雨後高懸, 生之



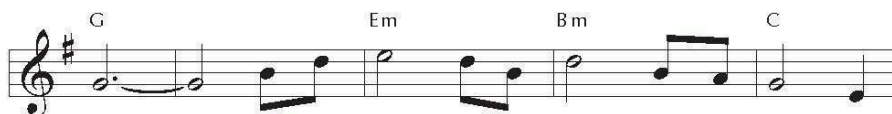
stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of
hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of
送, 心中振動, 上主的靈如風吹
盼, 人間再現, 上主的靈如風吹



God, as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the
God, as the green in the spring, as a
送; 心溫暖, 奇異難明, 風浪
送; 春天裡, 青山綠水, 線上



voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of
kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of
中, 靜聽主聲, 上主的靈如風吹
繫, 飛揚風箏, 上主的靈如風吹



God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come
送; 眼不見, 心未明, 風來去何
送; 大地萬象更新, 和平終實

Reversing the usual order, this hymn began with the music rather than the words. The composer (from Singapore) sent this tune to the author (in New Zealand) to see what text it might inspire from her. She also suggested the tune name, a Maori phrase meaning "Holy Spirit."

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 2004; Chinese trans. Ee Suen Wong, 2005
MUSIC: Swee Hong Lim, 2004
Text and Music © 2005 Hope Publishing Company

WAIKUA TAPU
Irregular

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

G Em Bm Am D

blown bring-ing life, bring-ing power to the world,
 true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,
 蹤, 給 世 人 賜 生 命 加 力 量;
 現, 給 世 人 帶 來 愛 和 禮 物;

Em Em/D C

as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
 as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the
 火 之 舌, 跳 動 飛 舞, 心 深 處, 朝 思 暮
 麵 之 酵, 悄 然 膨 升, 盛 宴 上, 醇 香 美

G/B Am7 D G

sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 想, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。
 酒, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。

Benediction

Postlude



(Picture of Geneva Presbyterian stained glass window near central aisle of sanctuary, quoting John Calvin: "My heart I offer to you Lord, eagerly and sincerely.")



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

Jeanie Voith Bort, Aunt of Elaine (Voith) Winch
Joe Khalil's uncle, Paul;
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;
Vince Lupo's family member, Uncle Lawrence Lupo;
Tina Martin, Sister-in-Law of Ken Sprinkle;

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 Time For Peace

Music of hope and comfort

featuring

The Bells of Geneva

June 22, 2025

3:00 p.m.

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2025 Summer Sermon Series

"TREASURE IN JARS OF CLAY"

Join us as we preach through 2 Corinthians!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

OPERATION RESTORATION

MENDING GOD'S WORLD

WITH BRADLEY HILLS & GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN

WHAT?

Join us for a week of music, games, crafts and faith formation! Your kids have been given the power to feed, heal, forgive, pray, and rest—essential tools to help repair all that has gone wrong in the world. We'll learn more about our mending powers together!

WHEN?

August 18-22nd

9am - Noon

Optional Extended Day:

Monday-Thursday

12-2:30pm

WHERE?

Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
6601 Bradley Blvd
Bethesda, MD

QUESTIONS?

Email Rosanna at Bradley Hills or Cali at Geneva:
Rosanna@bradleyhillchurch.org
nextgen.genevapotomac@gmail.com

HOW MUCH?

Register by May 31st: \$65/child
Register by June 30th: \$80/child
Register by Aug. 3rd: \$95/child
To access early bird rates, use the discount codes provided on the registration form

Extended Day: additional \$40/child
Scholarships are available for any family who needs one.

FOR WHOM?

This program is for children ages 4 years old (as of 9/1/25) through rising 5th graders. 6th - 12th graders are welcome as volunteers (reach out for a volunteer registration form).

REGISTER HERE:



Today's Worship Leaders

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

Janelle Thibau, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host

Sheri Sankey and Curtis Chimba, 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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