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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! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to God all my life long.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord:

People: Who made heaven and earth, and all that is in them.

Leader: Who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

People: The Lord sets the prisoner free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

Leader: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

People: The Lord watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow,

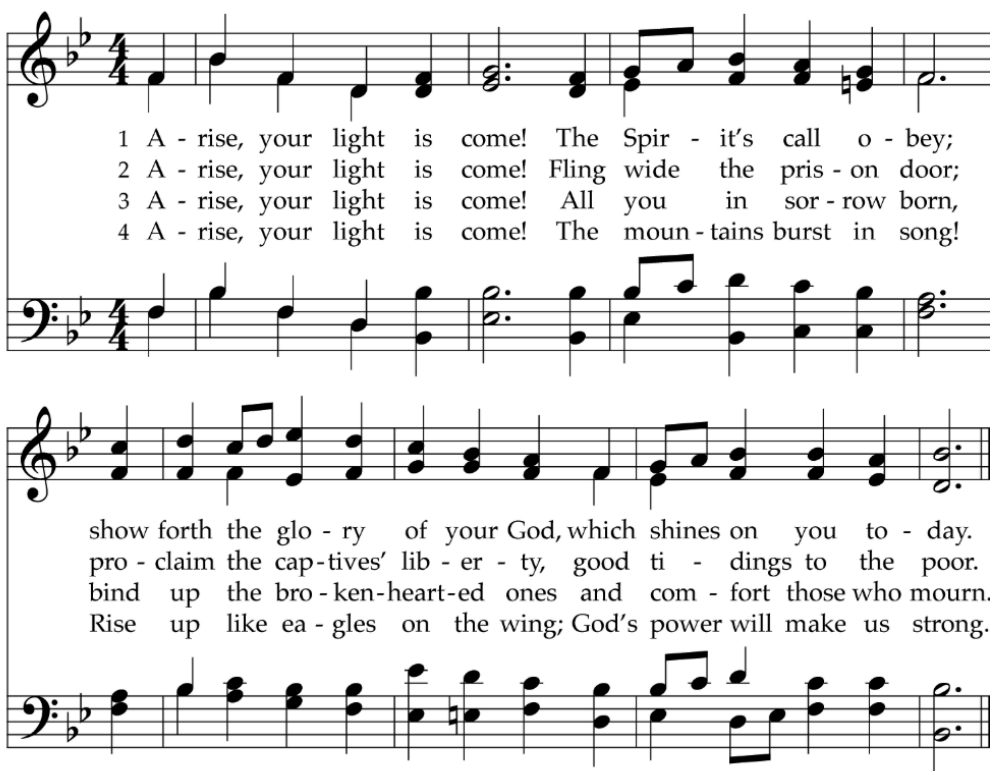
Leader: But the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

People: The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

Opening Hymn

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we continue to want more, blind to the blessings we already possess. We want everything now, blind to the value of patience and hard work. We take so much delight in our own accomplishments that we are blind to people in need. Forgive us! Cleanse us of our entitlement, anxiousness and pride. Help us see the world with your eyes so that we can be people of gratitude, courage and compassion, because of what we see in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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

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We Are an Offering

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

The Word

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Holy, magnificent God, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, allow us to see you clearly in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Meghan Micheals

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

Second Scripture Reading

John 9:1-41

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Is Seeing Believing?

Rev. Keith Thompson

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

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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

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;
Scott Brown, 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!



WHILE THE
PASTOR'S AWAY...



***Pastor Patrick will be away for continuing education
starting March 2, and returning March 9.***

***If you have a
pastoral need during this time,
please contact your Deacon.***

Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Keith Thompson, *Campus Minister at UKirk Maryland*; Ben Shaver, *Music Director*;

Julie Moloznik, *Lector*; Tom Sadler, *Zoom Host*;

Ken Denaburg & 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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