

**November 9, 2025**



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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: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all the gods.

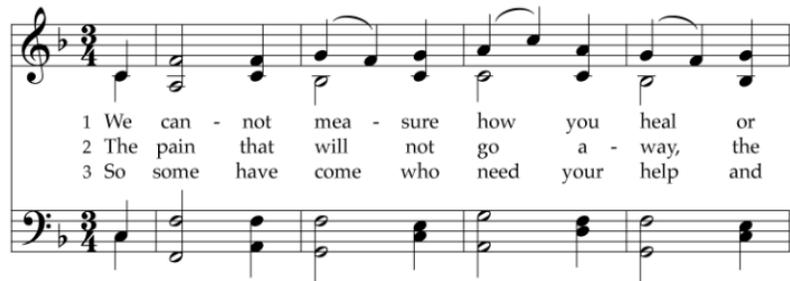
**People: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

Leader: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

– Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7

## Opening Hymn

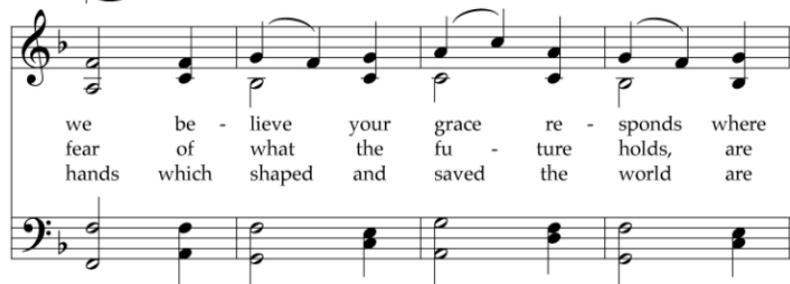
### 797 We Cannot Measure How You Heal



1 We can - not mea - sure how you heal or  
2 The pain that will not go a - way, the  
3 So some have come who need your help and



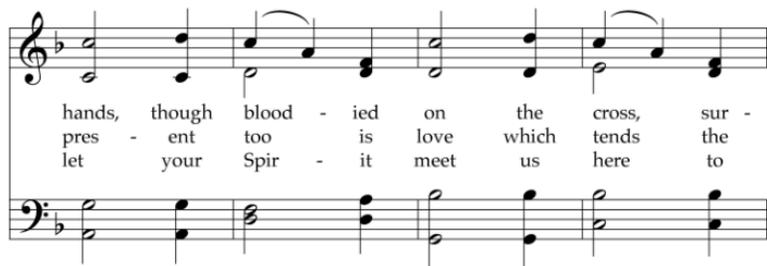
an - swer ev - ery suf - ferer's prayer, yet  
guilt that clings from things long past, the  
some have come to make a - mends, as



we be - lieve your grace re - sponds where  
fear of that what the fu - ture holds, are  
hands which shaped and saved the world are



faith and doubt u - nite to care. Your  
pres - ent as if meant to last. But  
pres - ent in the touch of friends. Lord,



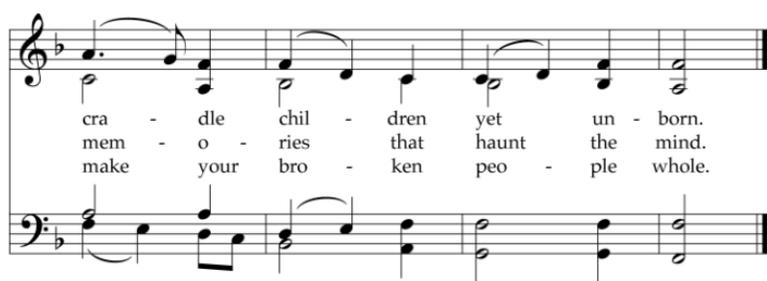
hands, though blood - ied on the cross, sur -  
pres - ent too is love which tends the  
let your Spir - it meet us here to



vive to hold and heal and warn, to  
hurt we nev - er hoped to find, the  
mend the bod - y, mind, and soul, to



car - ry all through death to life and  
pri - vate ag - o - nies in - side, the  
dis - en - tan - gle peace from pain, and



cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.  
mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.  
make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

## Call to Confession

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

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we shy away when the opportunity arises. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to live standing on the promises you have made, but we place our trust in the illusions of this world.

Draw us near to your heart again and forgive us, O Gracious One, as we approach your throne of mercy in 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 $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  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 $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  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

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

### Christ, Our Peace 1037

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Christ, Our Peace'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;' and 'Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.'

## The Word

### Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken through the ages: by the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your only Son, Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

### First Scripture Reading

**Hebrews 4:14-16**

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

**Psalm 103**

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

### Sermon

**"Just Desserts?"**

*Rev. Patrick McElwaine*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

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.*



**Offertory**

**“The Song of God”**

*Mark Hayes*

**Closing Hymn**

# 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

www.praisecharts.com/20858

Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin

Celtic Ballad ♩ = 70

C G D Em<sup>7</sup> C G

1. The sun comes up. It's a new day dawn - ing. It's time to sing Your song  
 2. You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger. Your name is great and Your  
 3. And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the end draws near and my

D Em<sup>7</sup> C G D Em<sup>7</sup>

a - gain. What - ev - er may pass and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,  
 heart is kind. For all Your good-ness I will keep on sing - ing  
 time has come, still my soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing

C G Dsus D G C/G

let me be sing - ing when the ev'n - ing comes.  
 ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find.  
 ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er more. Bless the

**Chorus**

C G D/F# Em C G Dsus D

Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Wor - ship His ho - ly name. Sing like

C Em<sup>7</sup> C D Em<sup>7</sup> C D Em<sup>7</sup>

nev - er be - fore, oh, my soul. I wor - ship Your ho - ly name. Yes, I will

C D Em<sup>7</sup> C D G

wor - ship Your ho - ly name. Lord, I wor - ship Your ho - ly name.

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**

**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

Jeanie Voith Bort, Aunt of Elaine (Voith) Winch

Bobbie Maxwell;

John Wright;

**Healing and Comfort for**

**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;

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;

Pepe Marin, health concerns;

Nancy Rawson, health concerns;

Rosalie Ruff, health concerns;

Judith Sadler, mother of Tom Sadler, mental illness and PG County guardianship care;

Sandra Kichefski, sister of Sheri Sankey, health concerns;

# Fall Stewardship Drive

**“Faithful Stewards,  
Fruitful Lives”**

*Make your pledge today!*



Our fall stewardship campaign has begun! Please keep an eye on your inbox and mailbox for more information. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you will engage in the spiritual practice of generosity this year, with your time, talents, and treasure.

**Annual pledges or personal commitments for financial giving will be collected and dedicated during worship on Sunday, 11/23 (Christ the King Sunday).** For questions, please email Pastor Patrick, Ken Denaburg, or Janelle Thibau. Thank you for your faithful stewardship in support of the life, ministry, and witness of Geneva Presbyterian Church!

## Annual Congregation Meeting

**November 9**

**Directly after Worship ~ 11:45 AM**

**Join us in-person or online  
via the worship Zoom link**



Starting this Sunday Geneva is collecting non-perishable food for the Manna Food Center as part of Scouting USAs regional Scouting for food.

No glass items please.

This year, your participation is more important than ever as the food stamp program may halt with the Government shut down.

Food will be collected in the Narthex and Day School through today.

**bible study is back!**

JOIN US WEDNESDAYS  
6:00PM ON ZOOM

[Redacted Zoom Link]

**Dream Small:**

The Secret Power of  
the Ordinary Christian  
Life

**better dreams, not bigger**



# Geneva Nov



Neurodiverse Playdate  
Nov. 1st  
11am-Noon



Bible Explorers  
Nov. 5th, 12th, & 19th  
6:00 PM



Joyful Noise Service  
Nov. 9th  
9:30-10 AM



Thanksgiving  
Nov. 27th  
Church Office Closed



Hanging of the Greens  
Nov. 23  
Following Worship



Childrens Chimes  
Practice  
Nov. 23rd & 30th

# Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor; Ben Shaver, Music Director;  
Carl Perthel, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host  
Curtis Chimba & 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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