

FEBRUARY 17, 2021



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Geneva Presbyterian Church

February 17, 2021

Ash Wednesday

7:00pm

Prelude

Introit

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”

#167 (GTG)

Welcome to the Worship of God

Call to Worship:

-- From John 3:17 and Psalm 46:1 – 3

Leader: God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

People: God’s loves endures forever.

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.

People: God’s loves endures forever.

Leader: Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: Glory, hallelujah, God’s love endures forever.

Gathering Hymn

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus Ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain

I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome;
God's free bounty glorify,
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh. **Refrain**

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all. **Refrain**

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Merciful God, your word is our way of truth and life. Purify our hearts and put your Holy Spirit within us so that we may forever sing your praises, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Responsive Psalter

Psalm 51:1 – 17

(Shared on Screen)

Congregational Hymn ***“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”***

#378

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,
Cast me not away from your presence,
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah: 58:1– 9a

Reflection

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Litany of Penitence and Confession

Leader: Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. Have mercy on us, O God.

People: We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God.

People: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness. Accept our repentance for the wrongs we have done.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God.

People: For all false judgments, for the ways we treat your good creation, for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God.

All: Restore us, O God of our salvation, and show us your steadfast love. Turn to us in your mercy and redeem us...

Pastoral Prayer and 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Ourselves Back to God

Offertory Music

Doxology

"In the Lord I'll be ever Thankful"

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion Music

Closing Hymn

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

#257

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down;
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing!

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!

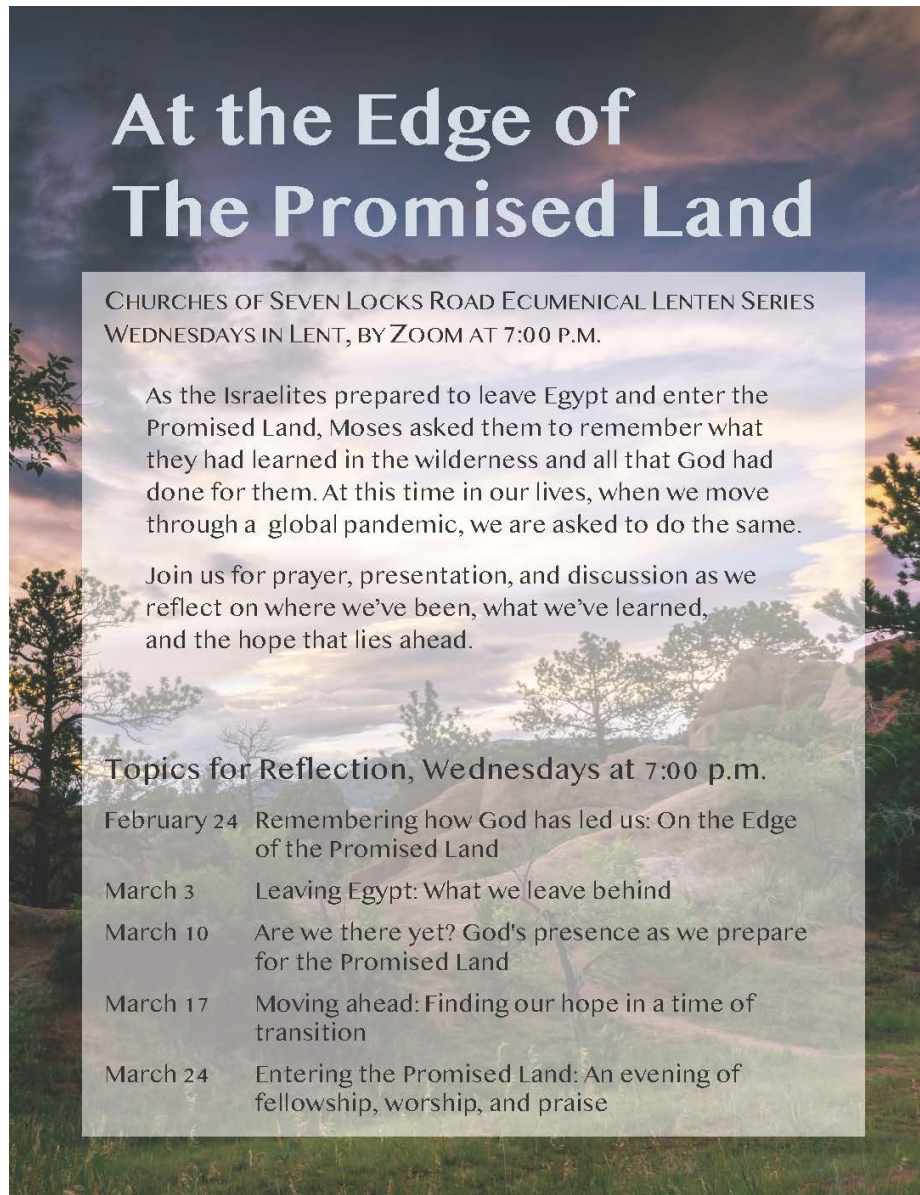
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on! Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

- **Ecumenical Lenten Study: Wednesdays in Lent via Zoom @ 7:00pm**

Geneva's normal Wednesday Bible Study will take a brief break during Lent so that we can join the annual Ecumenical Lenten Study series that is happening on the same night at the same time. We'll join with our neighboring Seven Locks Rd. churches for an exciting and timely study led by a different Seven Locks pastor each night. Please see the included series flyer for full details!



Join Zoom Meeting

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