

**MARCH 7, 2021**



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**Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor**

## Get Prepared For Virtual Communion This Sunday In Worship!

This Sunday we will be sharing the sacrament of The Lord's Supper digitally during Virtual Church. Here's how it will work and here is how you can prepare:

– **Gather your own communion elements from around your home ahead of worship Sunday morning.** Jesus chose common foods of his day for the first communion: bread and "fruit of the vine". What common starch do you have available? In countries around the world, the commonly available starch is tortillas and rice, so those are used. What beverage feels right for you to use? Not everyone has juice in the home, so we might need to be creative.

– Please: in preparing for communion and choosing your elements, do so thoughtfully and with reverence for the sacrament we will share.

– **I will gather my own elements at home and lead liturgy as we are used to.** Since we are gathered for worship as a community in the way that is possible for us right now, my prayers will serve as a blessing for all of our elements.

It's a joy to share to share the Lord's Supper together – let us gather at Jesus' table!

Grace and Peace,  
**Pastor Patrick**

# Geneva Presbyterian Church

March 7, 2021

Third Week of Lent

10:30am

## The Gathering

*(Welcome to Virtual Church with Geneva Presbyterian Church! We are honored to worship together with you today and grateful we can gather in this way as the Body of Christ. There will be opportunities for responsive readings and sharing prayer requests during worship; please mute and unmute yourself as directed by the worship leaders. The same goes for singing hymns: your microphone will be turned off, so make a joyful noise and sing with all your heart!)*

### Prelude

### Welcome to the Worship of God

### Silence and Introit

### Call to Worship

Leader: People of the Covenant: God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

**People: God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!**

Leader: The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

**People: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness; this Lent and all our days, we put our trust in God.**

### Opening Hymn

**"God, Who stretched the Spangled Heavens"**

**#644**

God, who stretched the spangled heavens  
Infinite in time and place,  
Flung the suns in burning radiance  
Through the silent fields of space,  
We, your children in your likeness,  
Share inventive powers with you.  
Great Creator, still creating,  
Show us what we yet may do.

As each far horizon beckons,  
May it challenge us anew,

Children of creative purpose,  
Serving others, honoring you.  
May our dreams prove rich with promise,  
Each endeavor well begun.  
Great Creator, give us guidance  
Till our goals are yours are one.

## **Call to Confession**

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

Eternal God, your Kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He showed us how to be people of righteousness and justice -- why do we shy away from this calling? Why do we settle for timid words and lukewarm actions? Lord, forgive us when we fall short of truly loving you and our neighbors as ourselves. Renew a right spirit within us now and hear us as we lift our personal prayers in silence...

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **Congregational Response** “**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.

## **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.

## **The Word**

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

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, let your Spirit guide us through these forty days of Lent. Reform us, restore us, and renew us through the reading and hearing of your Word so that our lives may bring you glory. Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading**

#### **Psalm 69:5-12**

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

### **New Testament Reading**

#### **John 2:13-22**

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

### **Sermon**

**“Anger's Place In Faith”**

*Rev. Patrick McElwaine*

## **Ordination and Installation of Church Officers**

### **Profession of Faith**

By the Candidates for Ordination and/or Installation

By the Whole Congregation

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
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)*

## **Constitutional Questions**

## **Prayer of Ordination and Installation**

## **Declaration of Ordination and Installation**

# **The Thanksgiving**

## **The Offering**

## **Music Offering**

## **Prayer of Dedication**

# The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Breaking of the Bread

## Communion of the people

## Communion Prayer

# The Sending

## Closing Hymn

**"I, The Lord of Sea and Sky"**

**#559**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

### **Refrain**

Here I am, Lord Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,

give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

**Charge and Benediction**

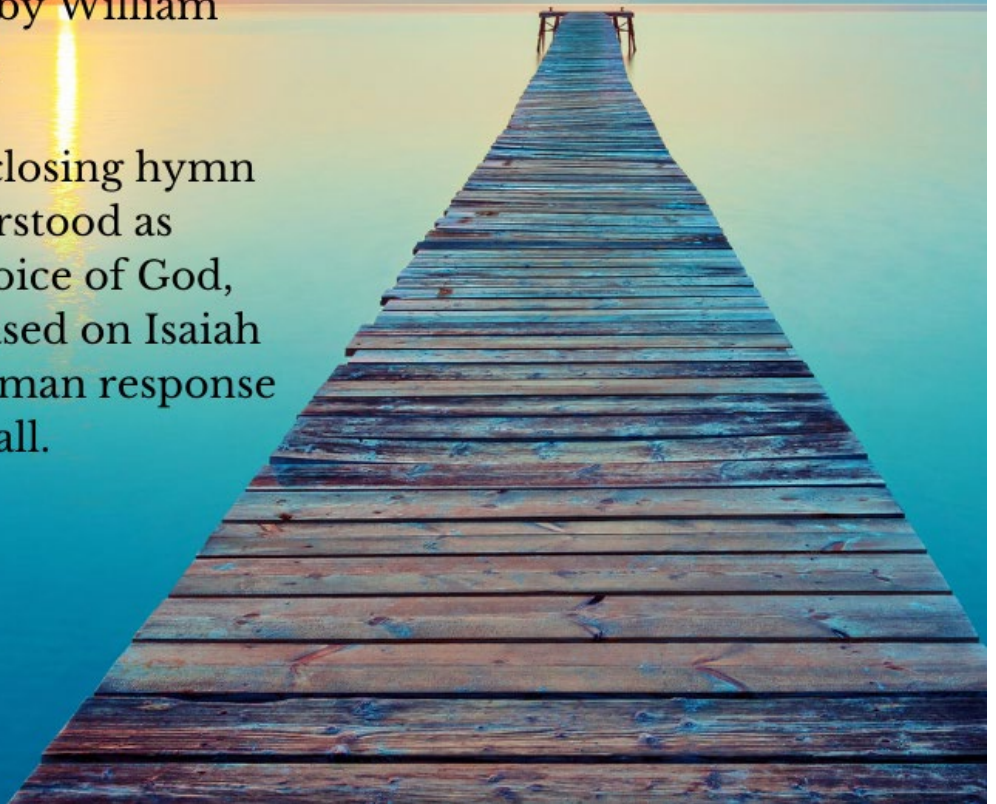
**Postlude**



# About the Music...

Our opening hymn is a familiar tune *Holy Manna* and was composed originally in 1825 by William Moore.

The stanzas of our closing hymn should be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call.





**Names in bold are new prayer list additions.**

The work, worship, pastor and leadership of Geneva and of Iglesia de Dios El Nuevo Pacto

**Comfort for the Family and Friends of**

Dick Sanderson;  
Crayton Brock, husband of Bobbie Maxwell's cousin, Janice Brock  
Jeffrey Remer, brother of Robin Kough;  
Maria Lenahan;  
Norm Rawson;  
Bev Davis;  
Henry Haller;  
Brian, friend of Kyla Lupo;  
Josephine Kom, Mother of Flore Kom-Liapoe;

**Healing and Comfort for**

Rachelle, Kyla Lupo's dear friend, and all who work and volunteer at the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants in Chicago;

Jim Torrence, health concerns;  
Ken Adams, father of Juliet Hiemberg, recovering from COVID-19;  
Rosie Perthel, health concerns;  
Briana Cochran, cousin of Thibau Family, health concerns;  
Rosalie Ruff, health concerns;  
Kristin, a friend in need of prayer  
Ellie Croft, friend of Gretchen Winch, health concerns;  
Jim Stiles, recovering from COVID-19;  
Scott Brown, health concerns;  
Daniel Ricci, prayers for job search;  
George Ehler, relative of friend of Ken Sprinkle, health concerns;  
Letitia Denaburg, knee surgery;  
Betty Halls, health concerns;  
Alicia, friend of Rhonda Ricci receiving cancer treatment;  
Nancy Morse, health concerns;  
Lorraine Leicht, Renee Moloznik's mother, health issues;  
Dinah Paffrath, aunt of Renee Moloznik, receiving cancer treatments;  
Beth, friend of Sara Torrence, metastatic breast cancer;  
Carl Perthel, health concerns;  
Isabelle Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown, health concerns;  
Joanne Elder, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, cancer;  
Mary Bird, aunt of Renee Moloznik, health concerns;  
Linda Hanson, friend of Geneva, health concerns;  
Justin Pack, nephew of PJ Davis, diagnosed with ALS;  
Daniel Adkins, nephew of Kyla and Vince Lupo, health concerns;  
Donald Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown, health concerns;  
Ellie Alexander, health concerns;  
Emilia Monte, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, recurring cancer;  
Jeff Leicht, Renee Moloznik's brother;  
Judith Sadler, mother to Tom Sadler, mental illness and PG County guardianship care;  
Leland Perthel, recovering from concussion;  
Ray Johnson, father of Katie Harris;  
Sandy Kichefski, sister of Sheri Sankey, health concerns;  
Yvonne Bean, mother of Debbie Dunne;  
Zoë, friend of Bob and Rhonda Ricci, health concerns;

**Prayers for Peace**

Daniel Kough, son of Jack and Robin Kough, home from Afghanistan.  
Walter Sprinkle, son of Ken and Nan Sprinkle, US Army Special Training

**WELCOME TO GENEVA!** We welcome you to this church and want you to feel at home. We want you to feel accepted here, and also challenged, even as we invite you to accept and challenge us. If you are new to this community or do not have a church home, we invite you to join us. Please contact a staff member using any of the emails on the back of today's bulletin.



**Birthdays:** *Vince Lupo (3/5); David Denaburg (3/5); Anika Nagel (3/7); Flore Kom Liapoe (3/9); Carl Perthel (3/9); Adam Winchenbach (3/10); Daniel Kough (3/11), Nan Sprinkle (3/14); Rollin Franks (3/16), Mimi Ledoux (3/19); Kristina Dunne (3/20); Danny Miller (3/21); Matthew Dunne (3/21); Zoe McCall (3/21); George Hunt (3/24); Walter Sprinkle (3/28); Holly Allen (3/29); Veronique Weinstein (3/30); Toshiko Ota (3/31);*

## This Week at Geneva

Thursday, March 4	7:00pm	<b>Day School Board Meeting</b>
Friday, March 5	7:00pm	<b>Virtual Book Club</b>
Sunday, March 7	10:30am	Worship – <b>Virtual Church</b> (including Ordination and Installation of Church Officers)
Wednesday, March 10	7:00pm	<b>Ecumenical Lenten Study</b>
Friday, March 12	7:00pm	<b>Virtual Book Club</b>
Sunday, March 14	2:00am	<b>Daylight Savings Begins</b>
Sunday, March 14	10:30am	Worship – <b>Virtual Church</b>

- **Geneva Presbyterian Church Officers Answering The Call To Service Today**

**Ordained and Installed**

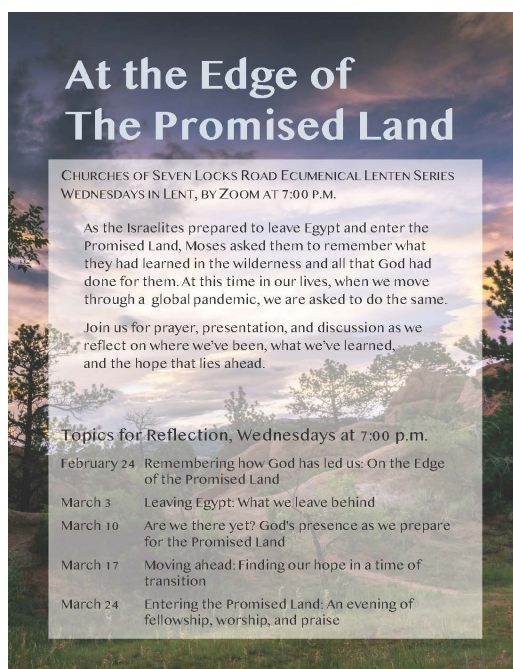
Daniel Ricci (Elder, Class of 2022)  
 Jessie Ricci (Deacon, Class of 2022)  
 Rhonda Ricci (Deacon, Class of 2023)  
 Allyson McElwaine (Deacon, Class of 2024)

**Installed**

Amanda White (Elder, Class of 2022)  
 Bobbie Maxwell (Deacon, Class of 2022)  
 Tom Sadler (Elder, Class of 2023)  
 Elaine Winch (Elder, Class of 2023)  
 Ludivine Kom-Liapoe (Deacon, Class of 2023)  
 Carl Perthel (Elder, Class of 2024)  
 Sheri Sankey (Elder, Class of 2024)  
 Renee Moloznik (Deacon, Class of 2024)  
 Rosie Perthel (Deacon, Class of 2024)

- **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**  
<https://zoom.us/j/99023610934>

**Meeting ID: 990 2361 0934**  
**Passcode: 615631**

- **Daylight Saving Time**

Reminder that Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 2:00 A.M. On Saturday night, set your clocks forward one hour (i.e., losing one hour) to “spring ahead.”



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***Three Ways to Give:***

- **Online** - using this link -  
<https://genevapotomac.org/give/online-giving/>
- **By App:** download **GIVE PLUS<sup>+</sup>**, create an account, and choose Geneva Presbyterian Church (in Potomac) as your home church
- **By Mail:** checks securely received at :  
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## LENT SERMON SERIES 2021

### Signs of Hope:

*finding hope in unexpected places*

2/21 - Rainbows and Elijah

2/28 - Can Hope Look Like That?

3/7 - Anger's Place In Faith

3/14 - The Symbol of Our Faith

3/21 - No One Hears The Same Symphony

- **Geneva Book Club**

The Geneva Book Club will continue studying "[For All Who Hunger](#)" by Emily M.D. Scott on Fridays @ 7:00pm.

Church members, guests, and friends are all welcome -- please feel free to share this invitation with anyone you know who is ready to engage in this work of reflection and learning.



Here is the **NEW** Zoom link (we will use the same for each sessions):

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85993671723?pwd=Q3ZMS2IrWU9xMUhyU0xCNWtGVHJlZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 859 9367 1723  
**Passcode:** 143085

- **Virtual Church with Geneva Presbyterian: Sundays @ 10:30am**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/2SL4E76>

Meeting ID: 668 560 374

Password: 240543

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- **Geneva Worship Videos**

Did you know that Geneva Virtual Church videos are recorded and online? Missed a service? Want to share with a friend? A full recording of worship is just a click away!

[Click HERE to watch our past Virtual Worship services!](#)



## Today's Worship Leaders

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

Alice Franks, Lector; Tom Sadler, Zoom Host.

### **Church Elders**

Jane Campbell, Jack Kough, Carl Perthel,  
Tom Sadler, Sheri Sankey,  
Janelle Thibau, Elaine Winch

### **Church Deacons**

Ludivine Kom-Liapoe, Bobbie Maxwell,  
Renee Moloznik, Rosie Perthel,  
Rhonda Ricci

*If you have any ideas, suggestions or concerns, please share them with our officers.*



**Geneva warmly welcomes all our guests joining us today**



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