

**APRIL 11, 2021**



## **GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor**

# Geneva Presbyterian Church

April 11, 2021

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**

**“Hail Thee, Festival Day!”**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Christ is risen.

**People: Christ is risen, indeed.**

Leader: God is alive..

**People: New birth is given.**

Leader: Hope is alive...

**People: A new age is dawning.**

Leader: Joy is alive...

**People: Redemption is here.**

Leader: Love is alive

**People: Death cannot harm us.**

Leader: We are alive...

**People: New life is within us.**

Leader: The church is alive...

**People: God's spirit is within us.**

**God of life, we worship you.**

**God of creation, we praise you.**

**God of revelation, we learn from you.**

**God of resurrection, we come to celebrate you.**

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove.  
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we'll know that we have been received  
when we shall leave this place.

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

Holy God, we confess our doubts. When our childhood understandings fall away,  
we feel naked. When our long-held beliefs seem to crumble, we feel lost.  
When our convictions are questioned, we feel ashamed.

Guide us into right paths, O God. Guide our feet into the way of peace. Guide our hands  
to care for others. Guide our hearts to love our neighbors. Call us back to You, O Christ,  
and renew our faith. When the ground is unsteady, loving God, put us back on right paths  
by doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with You. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon****Congregational Response****“Gloria Patri”****#734**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the  
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**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*)**

Resurrected God, though we have hidden ourselves in a locked room and huddled together as ones who build barriers, send your Living Word through our locked doors and into our guarded hearts that we might be witnesses of your grace and couriers of your goodness.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, grant us the trust to believe the Gospel not because we see it but because we have been seen by it and transformed through it. Amen.

### **Psalm Reading**

#### **Psalm 133:1-3**

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

### **New Testament Reading**

#### **Acts 4:32-35**

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

### **Sermon**

**"Easter is Over, Now What?"**

Sara Sadler

## **Affirmation of Faith /The 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**

## **The Sending**

**Closing Hymn**

**"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"**

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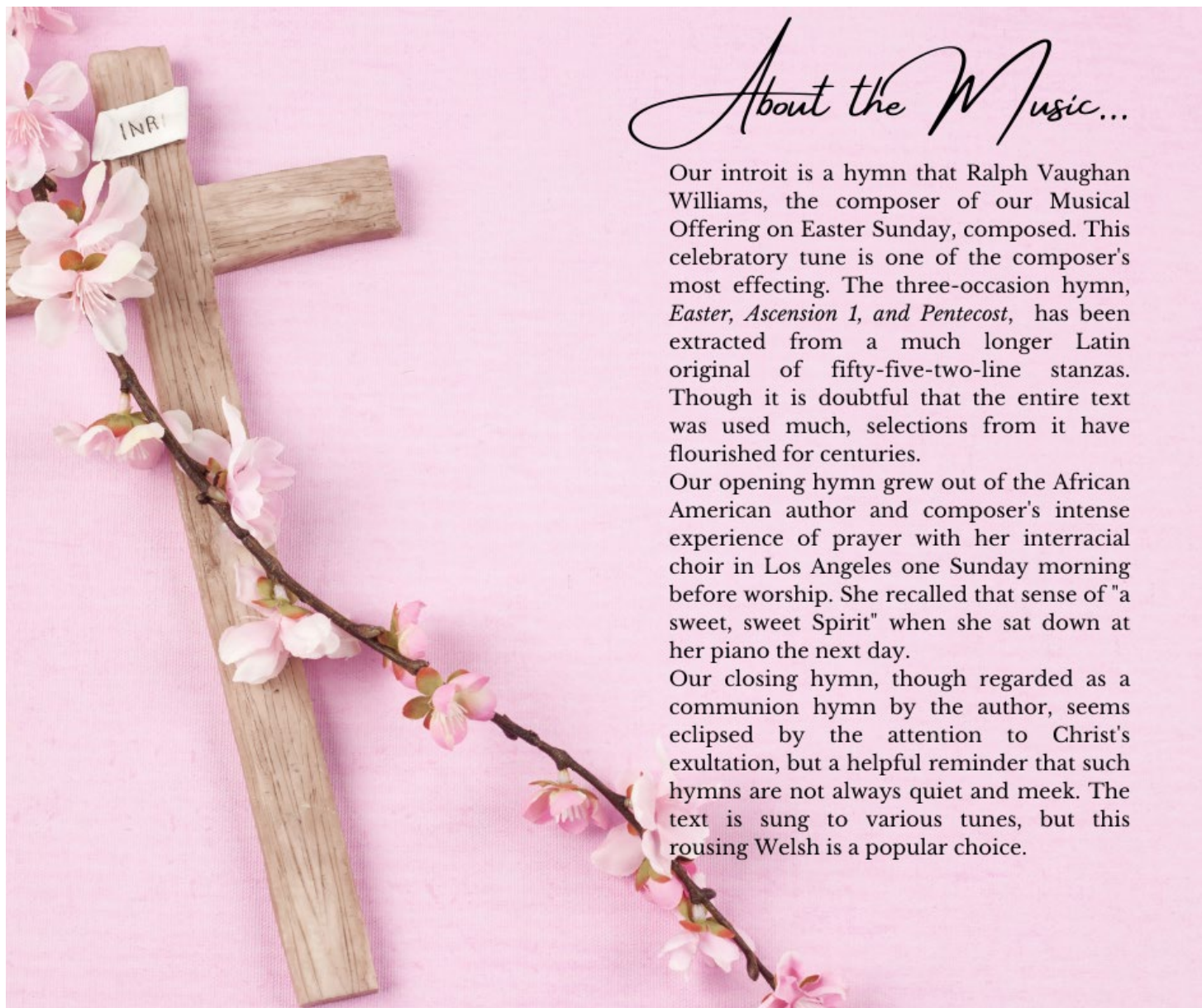
Alleluia, sing to Jesus!  
his the scepter, his the throne:  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us;  
faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore?"

Alleluia! heavenly High Priest,  
here on earth our help, our stay;  
Alleluia! hear the sinful  
cry to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

## **Charge and Benediction**

## **Postlude**



## About the Music...

Our introit is a hymn that Ralph Vaughan Williams, the composer of our Musical Offering on Easter Sunday, composed. This celebratory tune is one of the composer's most effecting. The three-occasion hymn, *Easter, Ascension 1, and Pentecost*, has been extracted from a much longer Latin original of fifty-five-two-line stanzas. Though it is doubtful that the entire text was used much, selections from it have flourished for centuries.

Our opening hymn grew out of the African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

Our closing hymn, though regarded as a communion hymn by the author, seems eclipsed by the attention to Christ's exultation, but a helpful reminder that such hymns are not always quiet and meek. The text is sung to various tunes, but this rousing Welsh is a popular choice.



**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**

**Russ Maske, uncle of Ken Sprinkle**

Yvonne Bean, mother of Debbie Dunne;

Carol Comissarow;

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**

Beverly Pitts Cain, friend of Sara and Jim Torrence, surgery from brain tumor

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;

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;

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 Kichetski, sister of Sheri Sankey, health concerns;

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:** Laura Wheatley (4/2); Matthew Denaburg (4/3); John Wright (4/11); Dean Allen (4/12); Curtis Allen (4/13); Jake Moloznik (4/14); Steven Dunne (4/20); Corinne Alexander (4/21); Scott Brown (4/24); Luis Galliani (4/25); Rhonda Ricci (4/26); Lauren Heimberg (4/28); Kyla Lupo (4/30); Jimmy Miller (4/30)

## This Week at Geneva

Saturday, April 10	10am – 12pm	<b>Disability Ministry Team Playground Playdate</b>
Sunday, April 11	10:30am	<b>Worship</b> – Virtual Church
Wednesday, April 14	7:00pm	<b>Virtual Bible Study</b>
Sunday, April 18	10:30am	<b>Worship</b> – Virtual Church

- **Pastor Patrick on Vacation**

Pastor Patrick will be on vacation April 5 – April 11. If you have a pastoral need during this time please contact your Deacon. Many thanks to Sara Sadler for leading worship on April 11!



- **Lent Flowerpots Are Blooming!**

The herb seeds planted in my Lent flowerpot are beginning to bloom and here is a picture of Teresa with her first lavender bloom. Let's share pictures of our blooming plants and see the beauty of nature!



Please take a picture of your flowerpot and send it to:

[kylalupo@gmail.com](mailto:kylalupo@gmail.com) or text it to Kyla at 571-340-5683. Be sure to include your name and the name of the seeds you planted. Kyla will organize our photos for all to see.

Happy Spring!!

Renee Moloznik

- **VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY RETURNS APRIL 7TH - WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00PM EST**

Starting after Easter, join us every Wednesday with Dr. Carolyn Fink on April 7th, **at 7:00pm** as we continue our Virtual Bible study! Everyone is welcome!

If you want to know what we'll be studying, you can check it out here:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/>





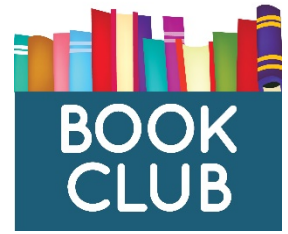
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- **Geneva Book Club**

The Geneva Book Club has completed their most recent study and will take a break through the month of April. The group will reconvene in May with a new study in the same Friday @ 7:00pm time slot.



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

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

Meeting ID: 668 560 374

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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;  
Mark Allen, Lector; Tom Sadler, Zoom Host.

### **Church Elders**

Jane Campbell, Carl Perthel, Daniel Ricci,  
Tom Sadler, Sheri Sankey, Amanda White,  
Elaine Winch

### **Church Deacons**

Ludivine Kom-Liapoe, Bobbie Maxwell,  
Allyson McElwaine, Renee Moloznik,  
Rosie Perthel, Jessie Ricci, 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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