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Geneva Presbyterian Church

May 23, 2021

PENTECOST

10:30am

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. At this time worshippers in the sanctuary will not sing out loud, but if you're online we encourage you to make a joyful noise and sing with all your heart! Everyone is invited to speak liturgies and prayers out loud where indicated in the bulletin.

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

Welcome to the Worship of God

Silence and Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: Remember the promise of the Lord:

People: God will pour out the Holy Spirit on all flesh.

Leader: The Spirit helps us in our weakness,

People: interceding with sighs too deep for words.

Leader: The Spirit of God renews the earth.

People: Bless the name of the Lord! Let us worship with joy and thanksgiving!

Opening Hymn

“Spirit Open My Heart”

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
F B^b F B^b C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
Dm F/C B^b C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
F B^b Gm7 F B^b F *Fine*

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)
F B^b F B^b

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
C7 Dm F/C B^b C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
Dm Gm7 F B^b2 B^b
to Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1994
MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
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Music Harm. © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME
Irregular

Call to Confession

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

Almighty God, you poured your Holy Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we often fear to follow your Spirit's movement in our midst. We close our hearts, allow fear to take root, and live in ways counter to your Gospel Good News.

Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people. We are ready, Lord: your will be done! In this silence we come to you in honest confession...

Assurance of Pardon


Congregational Response

"Gloria Patri"

SERVICE MUSIC


582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b 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^b E^b B^b 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 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)*

God of power and grace, speak to us in flaming tongues today such that we would each understand you in the ways you intend. Weave a beautiful tapestry of faith in this church family by the working of your will: many people, many hearts, many lives all bound together by your wild Spirit and Living Word. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:14-21

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Together in One Place"

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

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

“Praise His Holy Name”

Keith Hampton

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“Ev'ry Time I Feel The Spirit”

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray
Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke
Out of His mouth came fire and smoke
Looked all around me, it looked so fine
Till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray
Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Jordan river, is chilly an' cold
It chills the body but not the soul
There ain't but one train, upon this track
It runs to heaven, an' right back.

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray
Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

CHOIR ONLY:

**Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray Every time I feel
the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

About the Music...

Pentecost, the 50th day after Jesus' resurrection when the Holy Spirit came down to the apostles. It's only fitting that we would sing music, such as our opening hymn, that describes the Holy Spirit opening our hearts to the pace and diversity of life. Our anthem, composed by the sensational Keith Hampton, is one of the most popular gospel anthems in the choral repertoire today. Dr. Hampton was named one of the top 25 Contemporary Composers by the Northern Central American Choral Directors Association.

The song that leads us out into the world to proclaim the name, is a traditional spiritual that has been arranged many times. Our setting, by William L. Dawson, is a cappella and features a baritone solo for the verses. Contrary to modern song formulas, the chorus comes first and then the verses. This uplifting tune speaks to the excitement and intensity of the Holy Spirit moving in our hearts.




IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

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

Carl Alexander, father of Jeff Alexander

Russ Maske, uncle of Ken Sprinkle

Yvonne Bean, mother of Debbie Dunne;

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;

Healing and Comfort for

Robin Kough, cancer treatment

Tomoko Alexander, mother of Jeff Alexander, recovering from a fall and hip surgery

Nikki Heimberg, recovering from COVID in Dublin

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;

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;

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;

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;

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: Terry Dunne (5/3); Alice Franks (5/5); Debbie Dunne (5/6); Craig Miller (5/11); Cynthia Kaufmann (5/13); Camden Miller (5/14); Andrea Austin (5/22); Katie Harris (5/30); Jeff Alexander (5/30)

This Week at Geneva

Sunday, May 23	10:30am	In-Person and Online Worship
Sunday, May 23	12:00pm	Ice Cream Sunday
Sunday, May 23	4:00pm	Zoom Paint Party
Monday, May 24	7:00pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday, May 26	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study
Sunday, May 30	10:30am	In-Person and Online Worship

- **Geneva Opening For In-Person Worship Starting May 23 (Pentecost)!**

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:24-25, ESV)

Dear Geneva Presbyterian Church Faith Family,

“...not neglecting to meet...” This scripture takes on new meaning for people who have been living through a global pandemic. Geneva Presbyterian has continued to meet in a number of ways for worship, study, and service that glorify God during the COVID-19 pandemic -- and now the time is right for that to include in-person worship again.

The Geneva Reopening Team has worked closely with our Session to draft our church's COVID-19 Reopening Guidelines, which we are excited to share with you here. Session has authorized in-person worship for our congregation and will consider other building use options in line with government mandates and suggested COVID best practices as time goes on.

All people who attend worship in-person will agree to and abide by these guidelines, which will be revised as needed:

1. Masks will be required at all times on church grounds and 6' social distancing will be strictly observed (inside and outside). If a person is unable or unwilling to wear a mask, they may join us online for worship at this time.
2. Guests will refrain from physical contact with anyone outside their household.
3. All used spaces are routinely cleaned by church cleaning staff before and after services.
4. The sanctuary will open for worshippers at 10:15.
5. Use only the front/main glass doors -- no other building doors may be used.
6. Check in procedure: all people will sanitize their hands, provide their name and information for contact tracing, answer the standard “COVID questions,” and have their temperature checked upon arrival. Hand sanitizing stations and masks will be available.
7. If any member of a household has a temperature above 100.4 degrees the entire household will be asked to leave and worship with us virtually until safe to return. If you don't feel well, please don't come to church in person.
8. Greeters will help with check in and questions. Ushers will guide worshippers to their seats in the sanctuary. Ushers will seat guests by household from front to back in the sanctuary and dismiss them from back to front at the end of service.
9. Individually sealed communion cups will be provided upon check in for services when we celebrate the Lord's Supper.
10. Paper bulletins will be provided. Pew Bibles and hymnals have been removed for now; scripture readings will be provided via bulletin and/or screen.
11. We will not be passing offering plates, but a centrally located basket will be available for those who chose to make donations in person.
12. The congregation will not be singing at this time, but safe numbers of choir members will sing on behalf of the whole congregation. Speaking the liturgies is encouraged as always.

13. Two single stall, "all gender" bathrooms with closable doors are available on the same floor as the church sanctuary.

14. Geneva Day School areas are strictly off limits to maintain safety for students and staff.

15. Child care will not be provided at this time. Children are welcome and encouraged to sit with members of their household in the sanctuary.

16. Worshippers may not enter the chancel ("stage") area or the space designated for our Tech Team helpers.

17. Please do not linger or gather in groups inside. "Saying hi" before or after service should be done outdoors.

18. Please obey all posted signs and do your part to keep our community safe!

19. These guidelines apply to everyone equally, regardless of vaccination status.

Some will choose to attend worship in person and some will choose to attend worship online -- we celebrate each and every person who worships with Geneva and honor the choice that is right for your household. Geneva Presbyterian Church will continue all virtual offerings that we have developed during the pandemic: we have learned much during this time and these new practices are part of our shared life now.

Whether in person or from a distance with technology, it is a joy for us to continue meeting for worship. Our "Audience of One" (God) delights in our prayers, music, and proclamation and we can't wait to worship with you soon.

With Assurance and Hope in Christ,

The Geneva Presbyterian Church Session and the Geneva Reopening Team

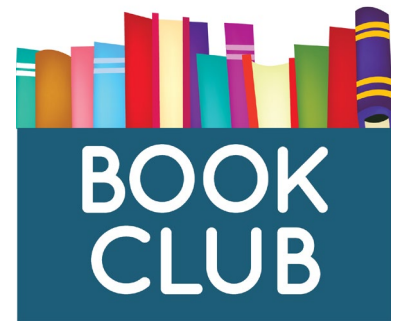
• **Every 4th Sunday - Ice Creams Socials are Back!**

Save the date for our first Ice Cream Sunday of the year! Everyone is welcome to enjoy ice cream in front of the church immediately after worship on May 23rd!



- **Geneva Book Club**

Beginning Friday, June 4th at 7:00 PM, Jessie Ricci will be facilitating the Geneva Book Club on Zoom. It will be a four week-long series on *Disability Visibility: First-Person Stories From the Twenty-First Century* by Alice Wong. Following the important work of Geneva's Disability Ministry Team, this is an incredible opportunity to learn from the various experiences of people with disabilities. [Here is the link to purchase it.](#) We will discuss the introduction and part one at our first meeting. Hope to see you there!



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

Join us **every Wednesday 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/>





Congrats, Graduates

Bentley Bohling

Brooklyn Bohling

Troy Brescia

Levi Cederbaum

Makenna Clayton

Charlie Dengler

Indigo Fedak

Juliette Flaherty

Gabriella Hoburg

Rin Sato

Graham Sellier

Owen Sellier

Mason Zeigler



Geneva 
 Day School



**TOUGH
THE EARTH
LIGHTLY**

Massanetta Springs Bible & Music Conference

JULY 25-31, 2021

- Worship Services Everyday
- Take in the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains
- Sing, play bells, learn harp!
- Take part in deeply moving and interesting bible study sessions with top notch worship leaders and educators!

For more information and registration, follow the link below.

If you have any questions, email me at
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<https://genevapotomac.org/give/online-giving/>
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 - **By Mail:** checks securely received at :
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- **Virtual Church with Geneva Presbyterian: Sundays @ 10:30am**

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

Meeting ID: 668 560 374

Password: 240543

One tap mobile

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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, 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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