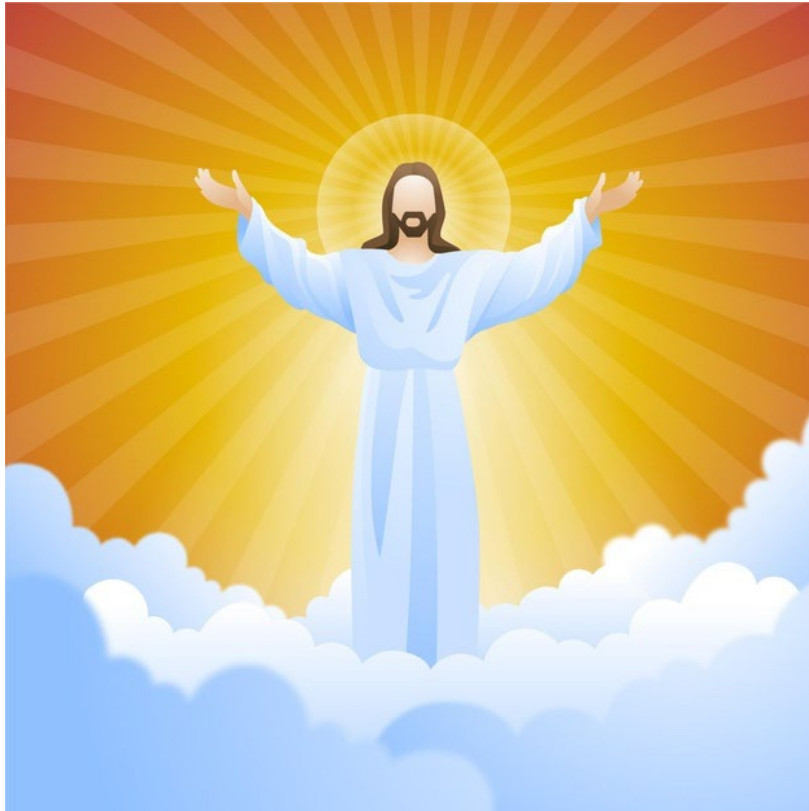


**MAY 21, 2023**



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# Geneva Presbyterian Church

May 21, 2023

Ascension of the Lord Sunday

10:30am

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## 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

### Welcome to the Worship of God

### Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus led his disciples out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

**People: While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.**

Leader: And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**People: We gather in the House of the Lord today as Jesus' disciples – to worship, to sing, and to bless God's holy name.**

*Luke 24:50-53*

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

# 348 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

1 Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2 Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed,  
 3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once for our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand,  
 comes in sol - emn splen - dor near; all the  
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior,

thou - sand saints at - tend - ing join to  
 saints this world re - ject - ed thrill the  
 take the power and glo - ry; claim the

Despite unclear musical origins, the result here is a characteristic early Methodist hymn tune, notable for its breadth and range. It effectively sets a text of similarly mixed sources, one that Charles Wesley regarded as related to "Thy kingdom come" in the Lord's Prayer.

TEXT: Stanzas 1, 3, Charles Wesley, 1758, alt.; stanza 2, John Cennick, 1752, alt.  
 MUSIC: Thomas Olivers, 1763; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

sing the glad re - frain: Al - le -  
 trum - pet sound to hear: Al - le -  
 king - dom as thine own. Come, Lord

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Je - sus; come, Lord Je - sus; come, Lord

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!  
 Je - sus. Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

**Call to Confession**

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

O merciful God, regard not what we have done against you, but what our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, has done on our behalf. Let not sin and shortcomings rule our lives, but your grace poured out into vessels of clay.

Turn our hearts and wills heavenward to Jesus who sits enthroned over creation. Receive the prayers of our contrite hearts that we offer now in his holy name...


## 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<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> 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.

## Passing of the Peace

## “Here I am To Worship”

A7sus D A/C#

So, here I am to wor-ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to

12 D/F# G D

say that You're my God. And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er

15 A/C# D/F#

wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me. \_\_\_\_\_

17 G G2(no3)

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, with guitar chords A7sus, D, and A/C# above it. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics, with guitar chords D/F#, G, and D above it. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of lyrics, with guitar chords A/C# and D/F# above it. The fourth staff contains the melody for the fourth line of lyrics, with guitar chords G and G2(no3) above it. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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# The Word

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

Blessed Spirit, you blow through this world as you will. Far beyond us is the knowledge of your purposes and ways. But, in the reading of scripture, you bless us with glimpses of divine glory. May your wisdom guide us and your power enliven us as we turn to God's Word now. Amen.

## **First Scripture Reading**

**John 17:1-11**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Children's Sermon**

*Cali Bronkema*

*(Children 5th grade and younger are invited to join Bridges to Worship in the downstairs classroom following the Children's Sermon. Please join NextGen Director Cali Bronkema in the rug area to participate!)*

## **Second Scripture Reading**

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

**"Where Jesus is Today (and what He's doing)"**

*Rev. Patrick McElwaine*

## **Affirmation of Faith/Apostles' Creed** *(in unison)*

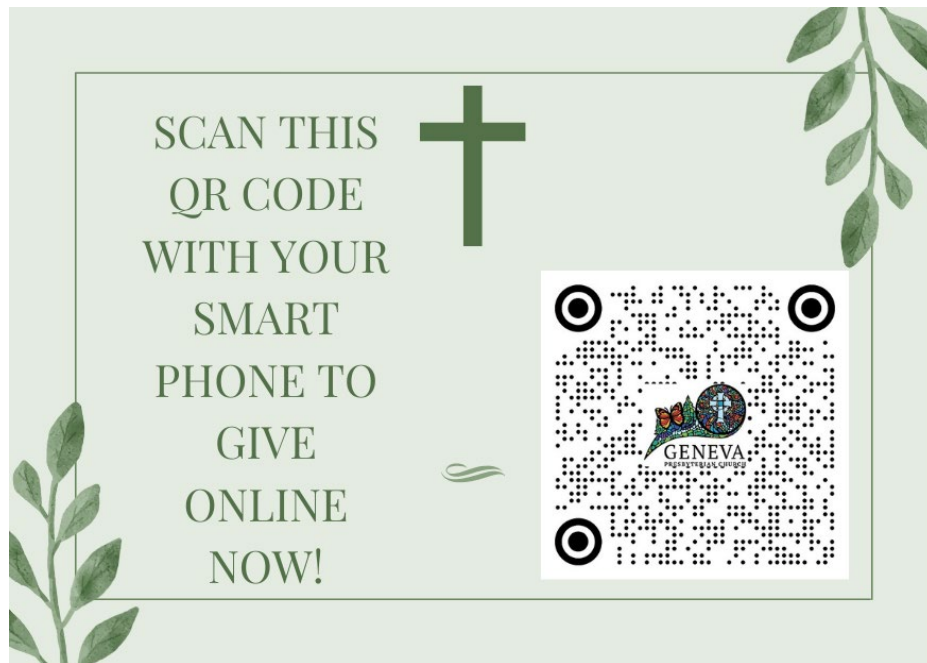
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; 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

“Abba Father”

Steven Fry



Prayer of Dedication

## The Sending

Closing Hymn

“My Lighthouse”

*Rend Collective*

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, You won't let go  
In the questions, Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

(Please join in singing the chorus and movement)

**My Lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You  
My Lighthouse, my lighthouse (oh oh)  
I will trust the promise,  
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore**

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh

**You are my light  
My Lighthouse, my lighthouse (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
My Lighthouse, my lighthouse (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
I will trust the promise,  
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore**

Fire before us, You're the brightest  
You will lead us through the storms (4x)

**My Lighthouse, my lighthouse (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
My Lighthouse, my lighthouse (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
I will trust the promise,  
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore**

**Charge to the People**

**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**

Lorraine Leicht, Renee Moloznik's mother;

Mary Bird, aunt of Renee Moloznik;

Barbara Prosswimmer;

Paul Prosswimmer;

George Hunt, husband of Margot Hunt;

**Healing and Comfort for**

**Brian Rassmussen, Allyson McElwaine's uncle, surgery and health concerns;**

**Emmanuel Mbi, recovering from surgery;**

**Nancy Morse, recovering from knee Surgery;**

**Bob Daraskevich and his family, friend of Kyla Lupo undergoing cancer treatment;**

**Elizabeth B, friend of Kyla Lupo, having thyroid surgery;**

Scott Brown, health concerns;

Justin Pack, nephew of PJ Davis, living with ALS;

Logan Bronkema, Cali Bronkema's brother, health concerns;

John Hanson, friend of Sara Torrence, health concerns;

Bill Bryan, father of Letitia Denaburg, health concerns;

Margaret and Don Acton, parents of Amanda White, continued health concerns;

Paul Quin, husband of Pamela Wilson, health concerns;

Ann Beaty, friend of Ben Shaver, health concerns;

Rosie Perthel, health concerns;

Pepe Marin, health concerns;

Nancy Rawson, health concerns;

Robin Kough, health concerns;

Ken Adams, father of Juliet Hiemberg, health concerns;

Rosalie Ruff, health concerns;

Dinah Paffrath, aunt of Renee Moloznik, receiving cancer treatments;

Carl Perthel, health concerns;

Isabelle Schuessler, friend of Scott Brown, health concerns;

Daniel Adkins, nephew of Kyla and Vince Lupo, health concerns;

Jeff Leicht, Renee Moloznik's brother;

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

Leland Perthel, living with Post-Concussion Syndrome;

Sandra Kichefski, sister of Sheri Sankey, 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); Cynthia Kaufmann (5/13); Katie Harris (5/30); Jeff Alexander (5/30)

## This Week at Geneva

Thursday, May 18	12:00pm	<b>Meeting</b> – Day School Board
Saturday, May 20	3:00pm	<b>Handbell Choir Concert</b> – Geneva
Sunday, May 21	10:30am	<b>Worship</b> – In-Person and Online
Sunday, May 21	11:30am	<b>End of the Year Picnic</b>
Sunday, May 21	3:00pm	<b>Handbell Choir Concert</b> – Sykesville
Sunday, May 28	10:30am	<b>Worship</b> – In-Person and Online

# Spring at Geneva



**Apr. 30**

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**Caregivers Coffee Club**  
9:45-10:30 am

**May 6**

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**Neurodiverse Playdate**  
11am-Noon

**May 7**

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**Interactive Worship**  
10:30am

**May 20**

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**Handbells Concert**  
3pm

**May 21**

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**End of the Year Picnic**  
11:30am-1:30pm



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## WHAT?

Join us for a week of music, games, crafts and faith formation! We'll learn what compassion is from Bible stories and think about how we can show compassion to ourselves and others.

## WHEN?

August 21st-24th, 9am - Noon.

## WHERE?

Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church  
6601 Bradley Blvd  
Bethesda, MD

## QUESTIONS?

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## HOW MUCH?

Register by May 28th: \$80/child  
Register by June 25th: \$90/child  
Register by August 6th: \$100/child  
Scholarships are available for any family who needs one.

## FOR WHOM?

This program is for children ages 4 years old (as of 9/1/23) through rising 5th graders. 6th - 12th graders are welcome as volunteers (there is no fee for volunteers, but a registration form must be completed).

## REGISTER HERE:






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# Today's Worship Leaders

Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor; Ben Shaver, Music Director;  
Jane Campbell, Lector; Kyla Lupo, Zoom Host.  
Ken Sprinkle and Sheri Sankey, Audio/Visual

## Church Elders

Jane Campbell, Carl Perthel, Tom Sadler,  
Sheri Sankey, Ken Sprinkle,  
Amanda White, Elaine Winch

## Church Deacons

Ludivine Kom-Liapoe, Kyla Lupo,  
Sheena Galliani, Allyson McElwaine,  
Renee Moloznik, Rosie Perthel,  
Sara Sadler, Janelle Thibau

*If you have any 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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