



April 7, 2023
7 Last Words of Christ
12pm

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Meditation on "The Old Rugged Cross" M.C. Bradshaw Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Call to Worship†

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

One: Today God makes common cause with our human suffering.

Many: We read the Scriptures, sing the hymns, feel the feelings of the day Christ died.

One: Suffering is not rational. It has no answer.

Many: But in the cross God meets us in our suffering.

One: From this day forward we know that there is nowhere we

can go where God is not with us.

Many: God, into your hands we commend our spirits.

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

#### First Word from the Cross

The Rev. Ryan Romberg

Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing. Luke 23:34a (NT pg. 108)

Hymn of Response

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (v.1)

Glory to God #223

#### Second Word from the Cross

Kwang Seo, elder

Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise. Luke 23:43 (NT pg. 109)

Invitation to Discipleship††

This story seems impossible to believe:

a story of love that faces death,

a story of sinful hearts sprinkled clean,

a story of a new and living way opened for us.

Let us not simply be hearers of the word but doers:

How can we provoke ourselves and one another

to love and good deeds?

How can we encourage each other on the path Christ has opened for us?

#### Third Word from the Cross

Barbara Lorenzen, elder

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

"Woman, here is your son."

Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." John 19:26-27a (NT pg. 139)

Hymn of Response

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (v.2) #223

Glory to God

Fourth Word from the Cross

John McCallum, elder

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Psalm 22:1 (OT pg. 615)

Hymn of Response

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (v.3)

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Fifth Word from the Cross

Watt Prichard, elder

I am thirsty. John 19:28b (NT pg. 139)

Sixth Word from the Cross

Rod Kingston, elder

It is finished. John 19:30b (NT pg. 139)

Seventh Word from the Cross

Cynthia Conners, elder

Into Your hand I commit my spirit.
Psalm 31:5a (OT pg. 622)

Litany of Response††

See insert.

Music for Reflection and Departure

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. Dale Wood Charlotte Hsieh, organ

A basket for a retiring offering is at the exit.

<sup>†</sup> The Call to Worship is adapted and/or taken from Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, Vol.1 (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).

<sup>† †</sup> Invitation to Discipleship and Litany of Response are adapted and/or taken from Connections Worship Companion, Year A, Vol.1.

### Join Us Easter Sunday

Worship with us at 10:30am in the Sanctuary or livestream at genevapres.org

### **Upcoming Events**

## May 6: SPRING TEA 12-2pm in Simpson Hall

Geneva Presbyterian Women invite women and young ladies (age 5+) to grab a favorite teacup and join the fun. Beginning Easter Sunday, purchase tickets (\$5) in the courtyard, the church office or at genevapres.org/events.

# May 21: CHORALFEST 4pm in the Sanctuary

Geneva hosts ChoralFest, a musical celebration featuring choirs and vocal musicians from our neighboring houses of worship.

# June 4: SPRING CONCERT 10:30am in the Sanctuary

Geneva's Chancel Choir will present Come Away to the Skies: a High, Lonesome Mass, a work featuring the traditional movements of the Mass accompanied by a bluegrass band.

### June 11, 18, 25 SUMMER PASTOR'S STUDY 11:45am in McLennan Lounge

Immediately after 10:30am worship, The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh presents "The Key to Following Jesus Part 1": a verse by verse study of Matthew 5, from the Sermon on the Mount. Lunch will be served. A donation is suggested.

# June 17–23: ORGAN FESTIVAL

June 16th and 23rd, Geneva will host recitals featuring two master's candidates from The Juilliard School. Organ enthusiasts may also enjoy a concert performed by their Juilliard professor, Paul Jacobs, held at Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove June 20th. Learn more at genevapres.org/events.

#### July 5-9: SUMMER CAMP

Students grade 6-12 Middle and high schoolers go to Catalina Island. Sign-ups begin in May. Scholarships available. Learn more and register at genevapres.org/events.

### July 17-21 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9am-12:30pm

Kids preK-5th grade are invited for a week of fun wrapped in the message of Jesus' love. Music, crafts, service, snacks, games, and meaningful Bible teaching await. Register now at genevapres.org/



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