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June 1-8 CALENDAR

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June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter

TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele
Passing the Torch

TEXTS

Psalm 118:26-29
John 17:15-21
Matthew 28:16-20
Luke 24:50-53

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Come Away to the Skies

arr. George Shearing
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele

Psalter Reading: Psalm 118:26-29 (OT page 695)

Mark Reed, elder

Call to Worship†

The Rev. Dr. Mickie Choi-Hoe

Congregational Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Glory to God #265

Moment for Connecting

A Word About the Mass

Eileen O'Hern

Come Away to the Skies: A High, Lonesome Mass

by Wes Ramsay and Tim Sharp

Introit – Come Away to the Skies (MIDDLEBURY)

*Come away to the skies, my beloved arise
and rejoice in the day thou wast born;
On this festival day, come exulting away,
and with singing to Zion return.*

*We have laid up our love and our treasures above
tho' our bodies continue below.*

*The redeem'd of the Lord shall remember his word,
and with singing to paradise go.*

Kyrie Eleison – Do Lord Remember Me (DITMUS)

*Kyrie eleison, – [Lord have mercy]
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me!
Christe eleison, – [Christ have mercy]
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me!
Kyrie eleison, – [Lord have mercy]
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me!
Look away beyond the blue.*

*Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me!...
Look away beyond the blue.*

† The *Call to Worship* and *Invitation to Discipleship* are adapted and/or taken from *Connections Worship Companion, Year B, Volume I* (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2022).

†† The *Prayer of Intercession* is written by the Very Rev. Dr. Derek Browning and posted at <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship>

*Lord have mercy,...
Look away, oh look away... Lord!
I got a home in glory-land...
Look away beyond the blue!*

Assurance of Pardon
Psalm 103:11-12 (OT page 681)

Gloria in Excelsis — Brethren We Have Met to Worship (HOLY MANNA)

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.
And on earth peace, to all people of goodwill.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we adore thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory.*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo, and on earth peace, goodwill.
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis Gloria.
[And on earth peace to men of good will.]
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.
[We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee.]
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.
[Thanks we give to thee because of thy great glory.]*

*Brethren we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren pray and holy manna will be shower'd all around.*

*Domine Deus, Rex caelestis. Domine Deus, Pater omnipotens....
[Lord God, King of Heaven, God, Father Almighty.]
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
[Lord, only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.]*

*Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Domine Deus, Filius Patris.
[Lord God, Lamb of God, Lord God, Son of the Father,]
Miserere nobis....
[have mercy on us.]*

*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, Altissimus....
[For thou alone art holy. Thou alone Lord, most high...]
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris, Amen.
[Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.]*

Prayer of Intercession††

High Lonesome Credo

*We believe in God the Father, we believe in Christ the Son;
We believe in the Holy Ghost, the One in Three and Three in One.
We believe.*

*We believe that God created all that is,
Seen and unseen, all is his;
We believe in Christ, God's only Son,
God of God, light of light, from heaven come.*

We believe in God the Father....

*Born of blessed Mary Christ became a man,
Suffer'd under Pilate, died and rose again;
Sent the Holy Spirit to the Bride of Christ,
Spoke by the prophets, gives his church life.*

We believe in God the Father....

*We believe one Holy Church and
One baptism for our sins,
The dead will rise to the life eternal,
The redeemed will live with him.*

We believe in God the Father....

Gospel Reading: John 17:15-21 (NT page 136)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20 (NT page 41)

Message: *Passing the Torch*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Pastoral Prayer

Sanctus — Hail the Blessed Morn (STAR IN THE EAST)

*Hail the bless'd morn! See the great mediator
down from the regions of glory descend!
Shepherds come worship the babe in the manger;
Lo, for his guard the bright angels attend!*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Low at his feet we in humble prostration
lose all our sorrow and trouble and strife.
There we receive his divine consolation,
flowing afresh from the fountain of life.*

*Blessed is he that comes in the Lord's name;
comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Agnus Dei — What Wondrous Love (WONDROUS LOVE)

Oh, Lamb of God.

What wondrous love is this, oh my soul, oh my soul?

What wondrous love is this, oh my soul?

*What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul;
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?*

*Oh, Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down;
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown.*

*Oh, Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world
have mercy on us.*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;*

*To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am;
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme I will sing.*

*Oh, Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us. Grant us thy peace.*

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:50-53 (NT page 111)

Invitation to Discipleship†

Congregational Hymn
Christ Be Beside Me

Glory to God #702

Life at Geneva

Opportunity to Be Generous

Blessing

Sending Music
I'll Fly Away

Albert E. Brumley

Participants

Those who lead...

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele
Eileen O'Hern,
Director of Traditional Music and Worship
Charlotte Hsieh, Organist and Accompanist

Those who read...

The Rev. Dr. Mickie Choi-Hoe
Mark Reed, Elder

Those who play...

Dave Murdy, guitar
David Burns, banjo
Eric Brenton, mandolin
Norm Hughes, fiddle
David Black, bass
Adam Alesi, drums

Those who sing...

...soprano
Wendy McCalley
Young Soon Kang
Karen Min
Julia Sapeta †
Linda Widdowson
Darlene Wise

† soloist/ section leader

...alto
Robin Brandt
Joanna Capelle
Souchin Chen
Celeste Deppmeier
Holly Moore Harvey †
Joyce Nanchy

...tenor
Tony Gonzales †
Ken Min
Doug Setterholm
...bass
Paul Harvey
Ryan Harvey
Hsin-Hong Huang
John McCallum
Brennan Bastanchury †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEET & GREET LUNCH—**TODAY!**

Sunday, June 1st, 11:35am, McLennan Lounge

Newcomers are invited to come break bread with Pastor Elizabeth and Geneva elders to learn more about the church, and for current Genevans to introduce a guest to our church family. The lunch is offered without cost. If possible, please register at genevapres.org/events.

ADDITION TO OUR FAMILY!

The rosebud on the pulpit this morning celebrates the birth of **Lennox Grace Hurley**, born May 25 to Shannon and James Hurley, and welcomed by sisters Laila and Lorna.

EAT YOUR WAY TO GENEROSITY

Tuesday, June 3rd, 7am-9pm

Next Tuesday, Polly's Pie's will donate 20% of proceeds to Geneva PW when you dine in or make a purchase and present the flyer to your server/cashier. Why not treat a friend for lunch? Find the flyer at genevapres.org/events.

GENEVA ORGAN FESTIVAL

Fridays, June 6th and 13th, 7pm

Geneva's 2025 Organ Recital Series will take place on June 6 and 13 in the Sanctuary. All are invited to come hear the grandeur and beauty of Geneva's fine organ, played by Dr. Tom Mueller—chair of the Department of Music at Concordia University—on June 6, and Alethia Teague—graduate student at The Juilliard School—on June 13. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be received.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, June 7th, 7:30-9am

Join us this Saturday in McLennan Lounge or by Zoom. We welcome your participation!

TRANSITION UPDATE

On Sunday, May 25, the congregation elected the **Pastor Nominating Committee**, who will meet this week to begin the very important work of discerning who God has selected to lead us in the next chapter of the life of this church. Please pray for these individuals and for the committee as a whole, that the work may be done well.

VILLAGE OF HOPE TOUR

Friday, June 13th

Come visit our Mission Partner, OC Rescue Mission's Village of Hope, in Tustin. Sign up at the welcome center, or in the church office during the week. We'll leave the church at 9:30am; lunch will be provided.

GPW AT SHERMAN GARDENS

Wednesday, June 18th, 10am

Geneva Presbyterian Women will take a field trip to Sherman Library & Gardens this month. Meet in the church parking lot at 10am, or at Sherman Gardens at 10:30am. Entrance fee is \$5. Contact Emily or Daria: info@genevapres.org to let us know if you intend to carpool with us.

GOOD THINGS IN THE VILLAGE

Sunday, June 29th, 11:35am, McLennan Lounge

Please register for a luncheon on June 29, where we will learn about "Good Things Going On in the Village" from local entities operating within Laguna Woods to address social justice, peace, and building community.

AGING AND SPIRITUALITY

Sundays in July, 12pm, McLennan

Guest teacher, The Rev. Paul Reeves, will be here during the month of July to present a course entitled "Aging and Spirituality". The course features discussions of the soul, your life's

meaning and purpose, the realities *and opportunities* that come with aging, and dives into other aspects of the topic of spirituality in the last third of life. Plan now to brown-bag it during July and join the discussion and learning!

GIVING AND SHARING

PROJECT LOVE

Sundays, 3:30pm

If you would like to get involved with this missional effort to provide meals for homeless and needy in our local communities, you can contribute time, food, and/or dollars. Contact Ryan Harvey at info@genevapres.org.

DEACON'S FUND

Your donation to this fund goes toward helping Geneva members and friends with emergency financial needs. Donate online using the dropdown menu on the "Donate" page at genevapres.org, or send a check made out to Geneva with "Deacon's Fund" in the memo line, or simply use a pew envelope marked "Deacon's Fund".

PENTECOST OFFERING

One of four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church USA, The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. By participating in the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of children, youth, and young adults.

SOUTH COUNTY OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

... is currently in need of pasta and pasta sauce for the people they serve here in our community. Bring your donations to the blue grocery cart on the courtyard on Sundays, or to the office during the week.

Sunday CLASSES

KIDS DROP-OFF & PICK-UP (infant through 5th grade)

9-10am

Room 2

10:30-11:30am

Nursery: Room 2

PreK- 5th:

Drop-off: In Sanctuary

Pick up: PreK/Rm 2, 1st-3rd/
Rm25, 4th-5th/Rm 29

GENEVA YOUTH ** (6th-12th grade)

9-10am

Drop-off / Pick-up: Room 29
(Youth Room)

10:30-11:30am

Attend service with leaders in
Sanctuary.

ADULTS

The Network

9am in McLennan Lounge

The *Feasting on the Word*
curriculum used for the
lectionary scripture is the basis
for study for this class.

Leadership duties rotate
among participants, and
discussions veer into how
scripture relates to current
events.

** Geneva Youth (6th-12th grade)

also meets Tuesdays
6-8pm

Room 29 (Youth Room)

VISION ~ MISSION

Geneva's Vision

*We seek to share God's love
with people whoever and
wherever they are.*

Geneva's Mission

*All are welcome here!
Just as God receives all who
believe in Jesus Christ, Geneva
aspires to be an inclusive
congregation worshipping,
learning, connecting, giving,
and serving together.*

* View past services online at
genevapres.org or connect directly at
[YouTube.com/
genevapresbyterianchurchoc](https://www.youtube.com/genevapresbyterianchurchoc)

TODAY'S GREETERS

**Rod Kingston and Cynthia
Conners** are welcoming you to
worship today with a friendly
handshake and hello. Both
Cynthia and Rod are ordained
elders who are not currently
serving on Session, but who
continue to serve the church in
various ministries.

GENERAL INFO

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Mon. -Thurs., 9am-4pm and
Fridays 9am-1pm.

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CAMPUS PARTNERS

Geneva Children's Center
Preschool for children age 2-6
Amy Lussier, Director
949-581-2200 / genevacc.org

**Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian
Church**
Worship Sundays at 10am in
the chapel.
irvinetpc.org

The Geneva School
Education for K-8th Grade
Gina Freda, Head of School
genevaschooloc.org
949-377-1616



PRAYER LIST

Noemi Campbell
Sunshine Chiu
Norm Coombs
George Marsh
Phil Riddick
Jennifer Strickland
Louann and Ross Van Riper

Email prayer requests to:
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