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*Loving God • Loving Others • Making Disciples*

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 AM

**August 17, 2025**

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

### TODAY'S SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele  
*The Heart of the Matter*

### TEXTS

Joshua 24:14-23  
1 Peter 1:13-23  
Mark 12:28-31

### FILMING & CONSENT NOTICE

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

*Please be advised that today's worship service is being recorded and livestreamed to our online platforms. By entering this space, you consent to the use of your image, voice, and likeness in the livestream and any future recordings, broadcasts, or promotional materials.*

*If you prefer not to appear on camera, please ask an usher to direct you to a designated camera-free zone, toward the back of the sanctuary.*

Thank you for being part of our community and helping us share the message beyond these walls.



## 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.*

## Current Sermon Series

### THE CHURCH: STILL BECOMING

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## TODAY'S GREETERS

**Richard Erickson** and **Dave Lammert** are welcoming you to worship today, representing the Rowdies. The Rowdies work and play together on Mondays, 8am-12:30pm, sharing donuts and friendship, in some order. Come join us!

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Prelude

*God Himself Is Present*

Joachim Neander; arr. M. Burkhardt  
Charlotte Hsieh, organ

### Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Steele

### Call to Worship

### Congregational Hymn

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

*Glory to God #307*

### Prayer of Confession

### Gloria Patri

*Glory to God #581*

### Moment for Connecting

Children up to 5th grade are escorted to classrooms.

### Presentation of Scholarship Recipients

Howard Prol, elder

### Old Testament Reading: Joshua 24:14-23 (OT p268)

### Musical Offering

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

arr. Martin Green; text by C. E. Martin  
Brennan Bastanchury, baritone

*Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?  
Why should my heart be lonely And long for heav'n and home,  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.*

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free  
For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.*

*"Let not your heart be troubled." His tender word I hear,  
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubt and fear.  
Though by the path He leadeth, But one step I may see:  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.*

*Whenever I am tempted, Whenever clouds arise,  
When songs give place to sighing. When hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to Him; From care He sets me free:  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.*

*I sing because I'm happy...*

### Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-23 (NT p282)

## Anthem

*Write Your Blessed Name*

Bob Moore; text by Thomas A. Kempis  
Summer Choir; Eileen O'Hern, director

*Write your blessed name, O God, upon my heart,  
there to remain so indelibly engraved,  
that no prosperity or adversity shall remove me from your love.*

*Be to me a strong tower of defense,  
a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress.  
Write your blessed name, O God,...*

*Be a faithful guide to the courts of heaven,  
through the many temptations of this life.  
Write your blessed name, O God,...*

## Congregational Hymn

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

*Glory to God #310*

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28-31 (NT p60)

Message: *The Heart of the Matter*

Pastoral Prayer

## Congregational Hymn

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

*Glory to God #263*

Life at Geneva

Opportunity to Be Generous

## Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Glory to God #606*

Blessing

Postlude

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

arr. Diane Bish

# 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)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUMMER LUNCHEON

**TODAY, August 17, 11:35am**

Everyone's invited to lunch following today's worship service! Join us for a delicious meal from Martinez Catering and entertainment by *Eight Is Enough*, a mixed barbershop octet. Free of charge (donations gratefully accepted). Let's spend some time together!

### NO "LOVE PROJECT" TODAY

**Sunday, August 17**

**Love Project** will resume next week, August 24. Many thanks to those who have been faithfully serving those in need in our community through this ministry!

### PRAYER GROUP

...continues to meet in the Sanctuary after worship. Anyone is welcome to meet together for prayer—for our church, for our nation, for individuals, or whatever is on your heart.

### NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

**Sundays in August, 10-10:30am**

Members and regular attenders are asked to sign up to have their pictures taken on a Sunday this month, 10-10:30am. Alternate appointments can be made for Mondays 9am-12pm. Go to [genevapres.org](http://genevapres.org); scroll down to upcoming events.

**NEWS FLASH!!!** Photo opportunities are also available immediately after the worship service each Sunday. Even if you have not made an appointment, please come by the office and we'll do our best to fit you in.

### SUMMER CHOIR → CHANCEL CHOIR

Many thanks to our Summer Choir participants, who have enhanced our worship this morning. And if you think that was fun, just wait till you start

singing in the Chancel Choir! Rehearsals begin Thursday, Sept. 4, 7:30pm... but we may have to put you in a robe for that one....

### IN MEMORIAM

**George Marsh III**

George Marsh went to be with the Lord on July 31. George was an active member of this congregation and the beloved father of former pastor, The Rev. Dr. Steve Marsh.



### MEMBERSHIP EXPLORATION

**Saturday, August 23, 9:30am-12pm**

If you've been worshipping with us for awhile and feel you may be ready to take the next step in belonging at Geneva, please come join the conversation!

### THANKS, TECH VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to Shirley Fargo and Lars Boeryd, assisting our AV team for the month of August.

### GIVING AND SHARING SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

**Thank you** to all who donated supplies or funds for the school supplies drive. We exceeded our original goal *by far*, and were able to provide backpacks — in addition to supplies — for *all* of the children of the Boys and Girls Club of Aliso Viejo for this school year — **more than twice** the original goal!

### 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](http://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". Thank you for your support!

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

#### 24-Hour Emergency Line:

949-837-2323

### CAMPUS PARTNERS

#### Geneva Children's Center

Preschool for children age 2-6  
Amy Lussier, Director  
949-581-2200 / [genevacc.org](http://genevacc.org)

#### Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church

Worship Sundays at 10am in the chapel.  
[irvinetpc.org](http://irvinetpc.org)

#### The Geneva School

Education for K-8th Grade  
Gina Freda, Head of School  
[genevaschooloc.org](http://genevaschooloc.org)  
949-377-1616



### PRAYER LIST

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