

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER! We welcome all who are visiting with us this morning. We are delighted to have you with us. Please fill out one of our visitor cards so that we can get to know you. If you have any questions about COTR, feel free to ask one of our elders, our ministers, or members. We're glad you're here!

Today--HOSPITALITY MEAL: We will have our hospitality meal in the fellowship hall after morning service today. All visitors are welcome to join some of our COTR families in a great time of food and fellowship.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION SERVICE: This evening we will have the ordination and installation of our new officers (Phil Walters in the office of elder and Scott Vaughan, Zach Parker, and Paul Gullette in the office of deacon). Please plan to be present to welcome the men the Lord has given to lead and serve. There will be a reception following in the fellowship hall.

Friday--GENEVA ACADEMY GRADUATION CEREMONY: Geneva Academy will hold its 2022 graduation ceremony this Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. here in the sanctuary. The commencement speaker this year is Dr. Anthony Esolen, author of *Life Under Compulsion* and numerous other books. Make plans to come and rejoice with our class of 2022!

GENERAL:

BOOKS! BOOKS!! BOOKS!!! Here are the books available for this month:

Matthew 23-25 by James Jordan – \$20.00

Revolt Against Maturity by R. J. Rushdoony – \$11.00

The Complete Stories of Flannery O'Connor – \$17.00

If you would like any (or all!) of these books, please write a check for the full amount of your order and turn it into the church office by Tuesday, May 24.

FREE BOOKS: There are books from Al Benson's library on the white bookshelf in the parking lot entrance to the sanctuary. These are free for the taking. Look them over and take what you like! (Note: these books will be available for a month, then they will be replaced with another group of books, so check them out while they're available)

UPCOMING:

PENTECOST CELEBRATION: We will have our annual Pentecost feast on Sunday June 5, Pentecost Sunday. Everything will begin at 4:00 p.m. and we'll begin eating at 5:00. Mark your calendar and plan to be here to commemorate the outpouring of God's Spirit upon the Church.

RECOGNITION OF OUR 2022 GRADUATES: We will recognize all of our 2022 High School graduates, Sunday evening, June 12, during our "Second Sunday" service.

SUMMER SANCTUS: Summer Sanctus, 2022, begins Monday, June 13, and runs through the 17th. Pray for God's blessing upon our young people as they enjoy this week of fellowship and instruction.

JUBILATE DEO MUSIC CAMP: Our 2022 Jubilate Deo Music camp will run from June 27-July 2. Preparations are in high gear for this great event. Please pray for God's blessing.

CALENDAR

May 15 – Ordination & Installation service for our new officers, 6:00 p.m.
20 – Geneva Academy Graduation, 7:00 p.m.
25 – Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
29 – Fifth Sunday, no evening service

June 5 – Pentecost Sunday, Pentecost Feast, 4:00 p.m., no evening service
7 – Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
10 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Gordon Wilson, "Riot & the Dance," 7:00 p.m.
12 – Trinity Sunday, Gordon Wilson teaching Adult Sunday school, 8:50 a.m.
Second Sunday Service, 6:00 p.m. Recognition of our Graduates
Pizza fellowship afterwards
13-17 – Summer Sanctus
19 – Zach Parker preaching in both services
27 – Jubilate Deo Music Camp begins

July 2 – Closing concert for Jubilate Deo Music Camp
8 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
10 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
Pizza fellowship afterwards

August 12 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
14 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Stephanie Gullette, Anna Beth Haisty
Floater: Annabelle Huber

Toddler: AM: Aleta Eley, Emily Gautreaux
Floater: Jude Maddox

NEXT WEEK:

Rebekah Landry, Jenni Maney
Madeleine Cross

Amy Hanson, Charity Jones
Tyler Cychosz

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022

10:00AM MORNING SERVICE

THE LORD CALLS US TO DRAW NEAR

MINISTER: “In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, let us worship God.”

† HYMN #136 “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

† SALUTATION:

Minister: “Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.”

Cong: “And with your spirit”

Minister: “Now is Christ Jesus risen from the dead.”

Cong: “The firstfruits of them that sleep.”

Minister: “But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave, for He shall receive me.”

Amen.

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

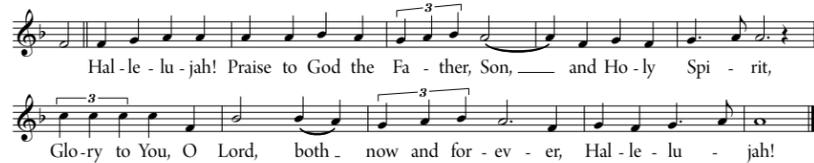
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: Almighty God, who has brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ; we confess that we are unworthy of Your redeeming grace. We have not believed Your promises, nor heeded Your Word and have neglected the things that belong to our peace. But now in penitence we come to You, beseeching Your forgiveness. Mercifully grant us cleansing from all our sins, and restore unto us the joy of Your salvation. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Minister: “Arise and hear the good news of God’s forgiveness: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

† OPENING ACCLAMATION:



Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit,
Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah!

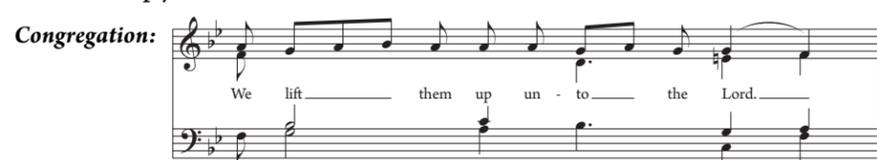
† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

Minister: The Lord be with You.



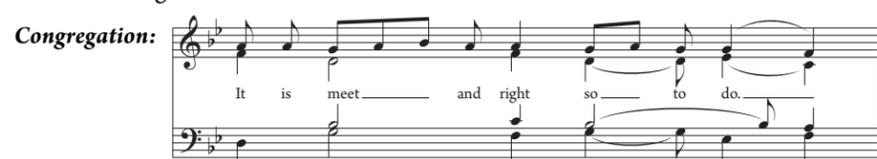
Congregation: And with thy spir-it.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.



Congregation: We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



Congregation: It is meet and right so to do.

Minister: “It is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee. O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God: Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing:”

†The Congregation will please stand

† SANCTUS (p. vii, SH)

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† CANTICLE #4 (SH) “Gloria in Excelsis”

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 148

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 21:1-7

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

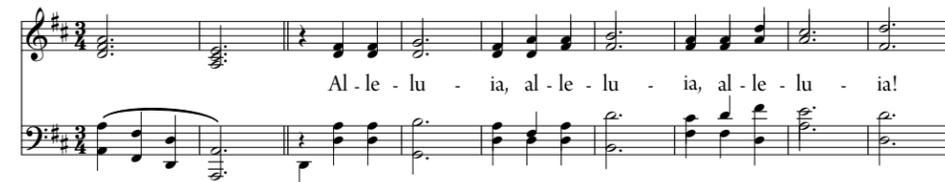
† HYMN #131 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

† READING OF THE GOSPEL John 13:31-35

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”

Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “Loving One Another”

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #453 “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

(the congregation will sing this hymn)

† DOXOLOGY (We lift our hearts, voices, and hands in praise to God)

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†The Congregation will please stand

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

HYMN #544 “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:

Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

† THE LORD’S PRAYER: page ix (SH)

† NICENE CREED:

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY; Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sits on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

AND WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST; the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets and in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LORD’S SUPPER:

Words of Institution

Thanksgiving for the Bread

Communion Hymn #271 “How Sweet and Awful”

Thanksgiving for the Wine

Passing the peace of Christ

Minister: “The Body and Blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith unto life everlasting; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” **Amen.**

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

† HYMN #5 (SH) “Nunc Dimittis”

† BENEDICTION

† THREE-FOLD AMEN

†The Congregation will please stand