

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–HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! We give thanks for all of our faithful moms who sacrifice daily to serve and bless their families. May the Lord grant you great peace and joy on this day and all the days ahead.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE: This evening at 6:00 we will again have our “Second Sunday” service with a time of singing prayer and a brief study in the history of our country. And afterwards we'll have pizza in the fellowship hall. Join us this evening!

Friday–DESIARD STREET SHELTER LUNCH: We will again be serving lunch at the Renewal Center (DeSiard Street Shelter) this Friday beginning at 11:30 a.m. If you would like to help prepare the meal, please contact the church office.

Next Sunday–ORDINATION & INSTALLATION SERVICE: Next Sunday evening we will have the ordination and installation of our new officers in our evening service (Phil Walters in the office of elder and Scott Vaughn, 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.

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:

GENEVA ACADEMY GRADUATION CEREMONY: Geneva Academy will hold its 2022 graduation ceremony on Friday evening, May 20, at 7:00 p.m. here in the sanctuary. Make plans to come and congratulate our class of 2022!

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.

CALENDAR

May 8 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.

Pizza fellowship afterwards

13 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.

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 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.

12 – Trinity Sunday, Second Sunday Service, 6:00 p.m.

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 – DeSiard Street/Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.

10 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.

Pizza fellowship afterwards

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Jamie Cychosa, Esther Catledge
Floater: Layla Booth

Toddler: AM: Darren Dlugosh, Paul Gullette
Floater: Carter Lang

NEXT WEEK:

Stephanie Gullette, AnnaBeth Haisty
Annabelle Huber

Aleta Eley, Emily Gautreaux
Jude Maddox

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 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 #53 *“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”*

† 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: “Alleluia! Christ is risen!”

Cong: The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Minister: “As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

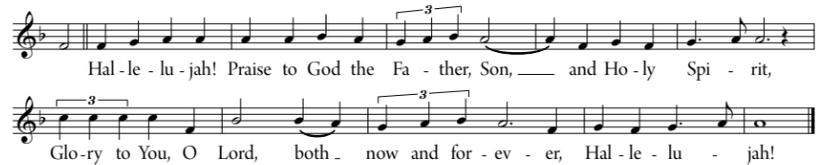
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

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.

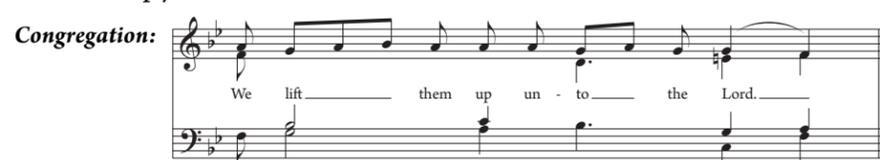
Congregation:



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 20:17-35

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalms 23

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 7:1-4,9-17

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #62

“Before Jehovah’s Awful Throne”

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

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

“Coming Out of the Great Tribulation”

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #224

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

(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 #372

“Arm of the Lord, Awake, Awake!”

† 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 #79 *“Though Troubles Assail Us”*

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