

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–THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: This morning we have the baptism of Ella Brooke Wilkins and Matthew Forest Wilkins, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wilkins. Please pray that Ella and Forest will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: This morning prior to our worship we will have a prelude sung by our children's choir, "That Easter Day With Joy was Bright."

HOSPITALITY MEAL TODAY: We will resume our hospitality meal today after our morning service. Everyone is welcome to remain afterwards and join some of our COTR families in the fellowship hall.

Thursday–GENEVA ACADEMY SPRING EXORDIUM: Geneva Academy will hold its Spring Exordium this Thursday from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Next Sunday–SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES: We will resume our Sunday school classes for all children next Sunday morning beginning with an assembly at 8:45 a.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Next Sunday, after our morning worship we will have a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing new officers for the session and diaconate. All members are encouraged to be present to vote and please pray for the Lord's leading as we choose new officers to serve.

SPRING PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS: Our Spring Parish-wide fellowship meetings will be held in the afternoon and evening next Sunday as well. Please check with your parish elder(s) for the time and place of your parish meeting. Because of our parish fellowship meetings, we will not have an evening service.

GENERAL:

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:

DYC SPRING CONCERT & GENEVA ART SHOW: The Delta Youth Chorale will hold its Spring Concert in conjunction with the Geneva Academy Art Show, on Tuesday evening, May 3. Make plans to come to this outstanding, combined event.

NO LADIES' BIBLE STUDY IN MAY: Because of the DYC concert and the Geneva Art Show, there will be no Ladies' Bible Study in May. The next study will be Tuesday, June 7.

CALENDAR

May 1 – Congregational meeting after morning worship
Spring Parish-wide Fellowship meetings, no evening service
3 – Delta Youth Chorale Concert & Geneva Art Show, 7:00 p.m.
No Ladies' Bible Study
8 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
Pizza fellowship afterwards
13 – DeSiard Street Shelter lunch, 11:30 a.m.
15 – Zach Parker preaching in our evening service, 6:00 p.m.
20 – Geneva Academy Graduation, 7:00 p.m.
25 – Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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 our evening service, 6:00 p.m.
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: Grace Bailey, Amanda Jane Vaughan
Floater: Ava Booth

Toddler: AM: Jeremy Cychosz, Shelby Maddox
Floater: Ben Hilleke

NEXT WEEK:

Debbie Warner, Sophie Booth
Kathryn Cross

Melissa Cross, Anna Dlugosh
Oz Wilkins

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 24, 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 #204 *“Alleluia! Alleluia!”*

† 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: “I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

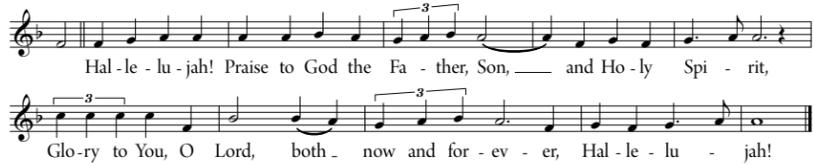
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

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.”

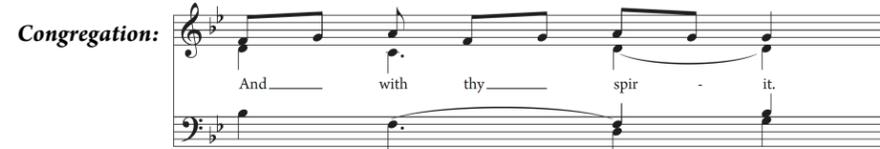
† OPENING ACCLAMATION:



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 5:12-20

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 148

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 1:4-18

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #197

“The Day of Resurrection”

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

“Not Seeing but Believing”

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #94 (SH) *“That Easter Day With Joy was Bright”*

(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 #208

“Jesus, Lord, Redeemer”

† 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 #203 *“Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now”*

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