

# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GENEVA

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July 11, 2021

## WELCOME AND PASTORAL GREETING

### PRELUDE

*“Intonation”*

Sebastian Anton Scherer, composer

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beth Reiners

One: Speak, O Spirit, for we are listening.

**Many: Guide us in this hour.**

One: Free us from our expectations, O Christ, so that we may follow you.

**Many: Yours is the way of life.**

One: Help us, O God, to lay down our burdens.

**Many: Place in our hands your word this day.**

**ALL: For this moment we have come. Now is the time for worship.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

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### CHILDREN’S TIME

### TIME OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

“Shame and Grace”

CONFESSION OF FAITH (unison)

Brief Statement of Faith (Lines 1-6)

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**

**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Matthew 5: 5**

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

**2 Corinthians 12: 7b – 10**

. . . even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

### MESSAGE

**“Holy Humbling”**

Rev. Colin Pritchard

### SPECIAL MUSIC

**“Love is Forever”**

Daniel Burton, composer  
Sharyn Powell, soloist

*Though my garden is rich and green,  
Full of beautiful fragrant things,  
Flow'rs whose blossoms are large and bright,  
Only love can make it right.*

*Love is gentle and love is true,  
Love is patient and faithful,  
Love is kind and love will wait,  
Love will wait forever.*

*Even if all my other plants  
Fade when winter begins to sing,  
Love will grow even taller still,  
Love will last forever!*

*Three of all are most beautiful -  
faith and hope and love.  
Love's the brightest, the best of all  
Love is forever.*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Gather now O people of God in a time of prayer. Accept the invitation of Jesus to come:

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

For all those who claim this faith and bear witness to the Risen Christ in the world we pray...

That we might live “lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

For all who are vulnerable and suffering in this world we pray...

For all who are struggling in body and all who are fighting battles in their spirits we pray...

For the humility that will allow all leaders to be led in ways that lead to life we pray...

May we be inheritors of the earth, living, loving, and serving along the way.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **TIME OF OFFERING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**                      ***“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”***                      (verses 1, 2)                      #835

**BENEDICTION**                      ***“Peace of the Lord”***                      Colin Pritchard, arranger

*May the peace of the Lord go with you, wherever he may send you.  
May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you from the storm.  
May she bring you home rejoicing at the wonders she has shown you.  
May she bring you home rejoicing, once again into these doors.  
The peace of the Lord be with you. The peace of the Lord go with you.*

**POSTLUDE**                      ***“Postlude in A Flat Major”***

Valentin Engel, composer

\*congregation standing (all who are able)

## Worship Notes:

The Reverend Colin Pritchard, *Pastor*  
The Reverend W. James Gerling, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Richard Cox, *Director of Music, Adult Choir & Bells*  
Linda Cox, *Organist*