Seneca Presbyterian Church

"Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve"

October 11, 2026
Worship at the Lake

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CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION
BIGGERSTAFF SERVICE AT THE LAKE

October 11, 2026 | 11:00 a.m. Worship

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Russ Weekley

PRELUDE *For the Beauty of the Earth* (arr. DeRousse)

GATHERING PRAYER
O Lord Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life: Do not let us stray from you, the Way, nor to distrust you, the Truth, nor to rest in anything other than you, the Life. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!
People: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Morning Has Broken*
Verse 1
Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Verse 2
Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Verse 3
Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

(silent prayers of confession)

CONFESSION RESPONSE *I Love You, Lord*

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Matthew 5:17

ANTHEM *I Will Call Upon the Lord* SPC Choir

SECOND LESSON Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON God's Treasured Possession Rev. Dr. Russ Weekley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Special Offering Music *Minuet* (Brewer)

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

SENDING

*HYMN OF COMMISSIONING *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Verse 1
O Jesus I have promised to serve Thee to the end
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my friend
I shall not fear the battle, if Thou art by my side
Nor wander from the pathway, if Thou wilt be my Guide

Verse 2
O let me feel Thee near me; The world is ever near
I see the sights that dazzle; The tempting sounds I hear
My foes are ever near me, around me and within
But Jesus draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin

Verse 3
O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still
Above the storms of passion; The murmurs of self will
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control
O speak and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul

Verse 4
O Jesus Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory, there shall Thy servant be
And Jesus I have promised to serve Thee to the end
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend

BENEDICTION

RETURNING INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

*Those who are able, please stand