



Sunday between August 7 and August 13 inclusive

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The Church of Scotland

# WELCOME



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*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Auditoire de Calvin, August 11 2024*

**Prelude** *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## **Welcome**

### **Call to worship**

Watch what God does:  
mostly God loves us.

**We would learn a life of such love  
so we might do as God does.**

Watch how Christ loves us:  
not with caution, but with extravagance.

**We would practise such lavish love,  
not noticing what it costs us.**

Watch how the Spirit loves us:  
moving in us, breathing love into us.

**We would live such love for others,  
keeping company with God.**

**Amen**

**CH4 147** *All creatures of our God and King*  
(verses 1, 4, 5, 7)

## **Prayer and Lord's prayer**

**All-age talk** *Pasta, bread and porridge*

**CH4 674** *Halleluya! We sing your praises*

**NT** *Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (The Message)*

*The old way has to go*

What this adds up to, then, is this: no more lies, no more pretence. Tell your neighbour the truth. In Christ's body we're all connected to each other, after all. When you lie to others, you end up lying to yourself. Go ahead and be angry. You do well to be angry—but don't use your anger as fuel for revenge. And don't stay angry. Don't go to bed angry. Don't give the Devil that kind of foothold in your life. Did you use to make ends meet by stealing? Well, no more! Get an honest job so that you can help others who can't work. Watch the way you talk. Let nothing foul or dirty come out of your mouth. Say only what helps, each word a gift.

Don't grieve God. Don't break his heart. His Holy Spirit, moving and breathing in you, is the most intimate part of your life, making you fit for himself. Don't take such a gift for granted. Make a clean break with all cutting, backbiting, profane talk. Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you. Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behaviour from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.

**CH4 88** *Up from the depths I cry to God*  
(Psalm 130)

**Gospel** *John 6:35, 41-51 (NRSV)*

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

**Sermon** *Soul Food*

**CH4 623** *Gather us in*

## **Offering**

**Music** *Sarabande*

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

**CH4 807** (as the offering is brought forward)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

**Prayer of thanksgiving and dedication**

## **Prayers for others**

**CH4 167** *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

## **Blessing & threefold Amen**

**Postlude** *Prelude No. 1 in C minor,*

Felix Bartholdy Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*Join us upstairs in the  
Salle Théodore de Bèze for  
refreshments!*



## **Thought for the week**

“God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other.”

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

## **Prayer pointers**

Pray for our communities to come to know Jesus as the Living Bread.

Remember people who have physical hunger as well as spiritual.

Pray for an openness to God drawing you to Him.

*Welcoming elder:* Jane Broere  
*Ushers:* Jason Leger, Amy Leger  
*Reader:* Rosaleen Walker  
*Organist:* Rebecca MacDonald  
*Intercessor:* Rebecca MacDonald  
*Worship leader:* Christine Colliar

**Congregational away-day**

September 21. Château de Bossey  
([bit.ly/3Wd3CAK](http://bit.ly/3Wd3CAK)). Contact Christine Buhler to sign up: [buhlerchristine@hotmail.com](mailto:buhlerchristine@hotmail.com)

**Special Malawi appeal ([bit.ly/3S1DKa0](http://bit.ly/3S1DKa0))**

Han and Jane Broere will take our donations to Ekwendeni when they visit next month.

**Nourishing Minds book and DVD sale**

August 30–September 1: See [bit.ly/4dAyWAt](http://bit.ly/4dAyWAt)



**Partage**

Monthly collections will restart on the first Sunday in September.

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