



Sunday between June 26 and July 2 inclusive

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The Church of Scotland

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Auditoire de Calvin, June 29 2025

Third Sunday after Pentecost

We stand to sing. After the doxology, we remain standing for the prayer of dedication. After the final hymn, we remain standing for the benediction and threefold Amen.

Prelude *Praise God, all Christians, all together*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Introit *Wade in the Water* (African-American Spiritual, c. 1750–1875)

Welcome

Call to worship

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts
of the One who called you out of darkness
into God's marvellous light.

**There is nothing love cannot face;
there is no limit to its faith, its hope, its
endurance.**

1 Peter 2:9, 1 Corinthians 13:7

CH4 200 *Christ is made the sure foundation*

Opening prayers

Collect (together)

*Lord God, we thank you
for calling us into the company
of those who trust in Christ
and seek to obey his will.
May your Spirit guide and strengthen us
in mission and service to your world;
For we are strangers no longer
But pilgrims together on the way to your
kingdom.
Amen.*

Old Testament *1 Kings 19:15–16, 19–21*

Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place." ...

So he set out from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was ploughing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was

with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah and became his servant.

CH49 *O God, my refuge, keep me safe*
(Psalm 16)

New Testament: *Galatians* 5:1, 5f, 13–18, 22–26
For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery...

For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; the only thing that counts is faith working through love...

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another...

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law...

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Luke 9:51 –62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he

sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” And Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” And Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Sermon *Together on the way*

CH4 619 & 620 Spirit of the living God

Offering

Music *Dearest Jesus, we are here*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Doxology (as the offering is brought forward)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of dedication

CH4 495 *Spirit of God, descend upon my heart*

Prayers for the world and its peoples

The Lord’s Prayer

CH4 682 *Go in grace and make disciples*

Benediction & threefold Amen

Postlude *Allegro*

Thomas Arne (1710–1778)

Join us upstairs in the Salle Théodore de Bèze for refreshments. Then stay for lunch!

Worship leader Páraic Réamonn

Welcoming elder Alex Craeye

Ushers Arthur Griffith, Jürg Strittmatter

Readers Arthur Askew, Rosaleen Walker

Organ Rebecca Dirks MacDonald

Choir Páraic Réamonn

Congregational lunch will be served in the Salle after the refreshments

following the service. There will be no congregational lunch in July or August

Partage Neither will we collect for the Geneva foodbank in July or August.

Flower rota If you would like to donate flowers on a particular date (or dates!), please email Rosemary Hill

(hillrosemary@yahoo.co.uk) or fill in your name on the sheet in the Salle.

June 30, 14h Our book club, at the Café Papon, Rue Henri Fazy 1, in the Old Town

October 10-12 International Presbytery, Amsterdam

November 22 St Andrew's Fair & Cèilidh



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