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Auditoire de Calvin, July 20 2025

Sixth 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.

Chorale Prelude on *Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele*. Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

Introit *Christ, you are the fullness of God*
Bert Polman (1945–2013). Tune *Arirang*

Welcome

Call to worship

O send out your light and your truth;
let them lead us;

**let them bring us to your holy hill
and to your dwelling-place.**

Then we shall go to the temple of God,
to God our exceeding joy,

**and we shall praise you with the harp,
O God, our God.**

May we, in company with all God's people, be
strong to grasp what is the breadth and length
and height and depth of Christ's love, and to
know it, though it is beyond knowledge.

**So may we be filled with the very fullness of
God.** *(Psalm 43, Ephesians 3)*

CH4 181 *For the beauty of the earth* (first tune)

Opening prayer

Collect (together)

Eternal God,

you draw near to us in Christ

and make yourself our guest.

*Amid the worries and distractions
of our daily lives,*

keep us ever alert to your presence,

and attentive to your voice,

*that we may treasure what you have to say to us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,*

Amen.

Old Testament *Genesis 18: 1–14a*

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet

them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?"

Psalm 15 (tune CH4 337, *Aus der Tiefe*)

1 Who, O LORD, shall dwell with you
in your tent, the throne of grace?

Who shall be your welcome guest
in your holy dwelling-place?

2 Those who walk in righteousness,
those whose deeds are just and clear;
who speak words that truth express
and act with a heart sincere.

3 Those who do not slander nor
pursue malice or deceit;
those who don't do neighbours wrong
nor foul rumours do repeat.

4 They despise the wicked folk,
but love those who fear the LORD.
They won't from their promise turn
e'en though loss be their reward.

5 Interest they will not exact,
bribes they always will refuse.
Those who always like this act
shall forever be unmoved.

New Testament *Colossians* 1: 15–28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gospel *Luke* 10: 38–42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her

many tasks, so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed – indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Sermon *The better part*

CH4 453 *Christ, of God unseen the image*

Offering

Choral Prelude on *O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen*. Johannes Brahms

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 496 *Humbly, in your sight we come together, Lord*

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

CH4 617 *Great and deep the Spirit’s purpose*

Benediction and threefold Amen

Postlude *Marche triumphe* on *Nun danket alle Gott*. Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)



Join us for refreshments after the
service in the Salle Théodore de Bèze
upstairs

Dramatis personae

Worship leader Rev Páraic Réamonn

Welcoming elder Jane McKenzie

Ushers Hazel Griffith, Arthur Griffith

Readers Makoto Ikeda, Mary Quément

Organ Peter Billington

Choir Páraic Réamonn

Partage, the Geneva foodbank

Collection on the first Sunday of each month, but *not* in July or August. A list of suitable items can be found at the back of the church or on our website. See bit.ly/47Ln0sT

Congregational lunch No lunch at the end of July (the labourers deserve a break!). Normal service will resume at the end of 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.

September 22, 7h30 Kirk session, in the manse, with the interim moderator

October 10-12 International Presbytery, Amsterdam

November 22 St Andrew's Fair & Cèilidh



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