



Sunday between September 18 and September 24 inclusive

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The Church of Scotland

WELCOME



JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon

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Auditoire de Calvin, September 21 2025

Fifteenth 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 *Adagio* (Organ Concerto No. 3)

George Frederic Handel (1685–1759)

Introit *On eagle's wings*

Michael Joncas (*b.* 1951)

Welcome

Call to worship

Come, for God has looked on us with compassion and called us into his service.

We come with gratitude, for God's mercy is greater than we can imagine.

When we've drifted or felt far off, God has always come looking.

In love that never lets go, God always brings us home.

So, to the One who is full of mercy, and whose love never fails,

we come with open hearts to praise and worship our God.

Luke 15:1–10, 1 Timothy 1:12–17

CH4 129 *The Lord is King! lift up your voice!*

Prayer of approach, confession, and Lord's prayer

All-age talk *One sheep short*

Song *I just wanna be a sheep*

I just wanna be a sheep

Baa-baa-baa

I just wanna be a sheep

Baa-baa-baa

I pray the Lord my soul to keep

I just wanna be a sheep

Baa-baa-baa

Don't wanna be a goat, nope

Don't wanna be a goat, nope

Haven't got any hope, nope

Don't wanna be a goat, nope

I just wanna be a sheep...

I just wanna be a child of God
I just wanna be a child of God
Walk in the same path He trod
I just wanna be a child of God
I just wanna be a sheep...

New Testament *1 Timothy* 1:12–17

12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service.

13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. **14** The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst. **16** But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. **17** Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

CH4 40 *O God, be gracious to me in your love*
(from Psalm 51)

Gospel *Luke* 15:1–10

The parable of the lost sheep

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering round to hear Jesus. **2** But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, ‘This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them.’

3 Then Jesus told them this parable:

4 ‘Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? **5** And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders **6** and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, “Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.” **7** I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

The parable of the lost coin

8 ‘Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? **9** And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, “Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.”

10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

Sermon *God loves the wrong people*

CH4 462 *The King of love my shepherd is*

Prayers for the world and its people

Offering music *Praise God the Lord, ye sons of men*, Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)

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 thanksgiving and dedication

CH4 468 *Son of God, eternal Saviour*

Benediction and threefold Amen

Postlude *Toccata in G minor*

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562–1621)

Thought for the week

God rejoices. Not because the problems of the world have been solved, not because all human pain and suffering have come to an end, nor because thousands of people have been converted and are now praising him for his goodness. No, God rejoices because one of his children who was lost has been found. What I am called to is to enter into that joy. It is God's joy, not the joy that the world offers. Henri Nouwen, *The Return of the Prodigal Son. A Story of Homecoming*

Prayer pointers

Thank God for his mercy that meets us with love, not condemnation.

Pray for all who feel lost, that they may know they are seen and sought by God.

Join us for refreshments in the Salle!

Worship leader Graham Austin
Welcoming elder Christine Buhler
Ushers Sandy Cunningham, Amy Leger
Readers Antonia Chapman Nyaho,
Nan Braunschweiger
Intercessors Sudesh and Vino
Sundharamoorthy
Organ Rebecca Dirks MacDonald
Sunday School Cornis Van der Lugt,
Nicola Hollyman
Refreshments María Oliveira, Joan Reilly

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 Sall

September 22, 14h Book club in Café Papon.

All are welcome to join in discussing *Dream Counts* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

September 22, 18h Kirk session, in the manse, with the interim moderator

September 23 & October 21, 19h30 (Zoom)

International Presbytery seminars for those leading prayers of intercession in worship.

Contact ccolliar@churchofscotland.org.uk

September 27, 9h to 17h Congregational away day with the Scots Kirk, Lausanne, in Arzier–les–Muids. Details bit.ly/3JfbzCA

October 2, 19h *Laudato Si'* 10 years on Salle des Fêtes, Sacré–Cœur, Plain–Palais

October 10–12 International Presbytery, Amsterdam

November 22 St Andrew's Fair & Cèilidh



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