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The Church of Scotland

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Auditoire de Calvin, November 09 2025

Twenty-Second 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 *Trio*, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Introit *The kingdom of God is justice and peace* –(Taizé)

Welcome

Call to worship

God is our refuge and strength, a help close at hand in times of trouble.

Therefore we will not be afraid.

On this day of remembrance, we gather to honour God and to remember those who have suffered in war.

We give thanks for all who work for peace.

God says, 'Be still, and know that I am God.'

The Lord is with us; we will trust and worship. (from *Psalms* 46)

CH4 161 *O God, our help in ages past*

Prayer of approach

Collect

**Almighty God,
keep us ever mindful of your goodness and
attentive to your call,
that we may offer ourselves in renewed
obedience to your will,
and live as those who belong not to
themselves but to you,
for you have redeemed us through Jesus
Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen**

Children's talk - *Boaz's field of kindness*

CH4 755 *Be still and know that I am God*

Old Testament Ruth 2:1-23

Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side, a man of standing from the clan of Elimelek, whose name was Boaz.

And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, 'Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favour.'

Naomi said to her, 'Go ahead, my daughter.' So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek.

Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, 'The Lord be with you!' 'The Lord bless you!' they answered.

Boaz asked the overseer of his harvesters, 'Who does that young woman belong to?' The overseer replied, 'She is the Moabite who came back from Moab with Naomi. She said, "Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters." She came into the field and has remained here from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter.'

So Boaz said to Ruth, 'My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay here with the women who work for me. Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the women. I have told the men not to lay a hand on you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled.'

At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, 'Why have I found such favour in your eyes that you notice me – a foreigner?'

Boaz replied, 'I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband – how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.'

'May I continue to find favour in your eyes, my lord,' she said. 'You have put me at ease by speaking kindly to your servant – though I do not have the standing of one of your servants.'

At mealtime Boaz said to her, 'Come over here. Have some bread and dip it in the wine vinegar.'

When she sat down with the harvesters, he offered her some roasted grain. She ate all she wanted and had some left over. As she got up to glean, Boaz gave orders to his men, ‘Let her gather among the sheaves and don’t reprimand her. Even pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up, and don’t rebuke her.’

So Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed the barley she had gathered, and it amounted to about an ephah. She carried it back to town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gathered. Ruth also brought out and gave her what she had left over after she had eaten enough.

Her mother-in-law asked her, ‘Where did you glean today? Where did you work? Blessed be the man who took notice of you!’

Then Ruth told her mother-in-law about the one at whose place she had been working.

‘The name of the man I worked with today is Boaz,’ she said.

‘The Lord bless him!’ Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. ‘He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead.’ She added, ‘That man is our close relative; he is one of our guardian-redeemers.’

Then Ruth the Moabite said, ‘He even said to me, “Stay with my workers until they finish harvesting all my grain.”’

Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, ‘It will be good for you, my daughter, to go with the women who work for him, because in someone else’s field you might be harmed.’

So Ruth stayed close to the women of Boaz to glean until the barley and wheat harvests were finished. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

CH4 37 *God is our refuge, God our strength*
(Psalm 46)

Sermon – *Names that God remembers*

CH4 712 *What shall we pray for those who died*

Prayers for others and Lord’s prayer

Offering music *Pastorale*, JS Bach

Doxology: CH4 807

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

Act of remembrance

For the Fallen - Laurence Binyon, 1914

(adapted) read by Jeremy McTeague

Lament - Hector the Hero, played by Kathryn Watson

2 minutes' silence

The Kohima Epitaph

Micah 4:1-4 – paraphrase

CH4 710: 'I have a dream,' a man once said

Benediction and threefold Amen (CH4 819)

Postlude *Allegro moderato e serioso*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Thought for the week

There can be no future unless there is peace.

There can be no peace unless there is reconciliation. – Desmond Tutu, 1994

Prayer pointers:

Pray for peace where there is conflict

Pray for those who mourn and remember

Pray for hearts that live with kindness and hope

Jeremy McTeague

For eight years, Jeremy McTeague served in the British army's Brigade of Gurkhas, primarily in Hong Kong and Brunei. He saw active service in the Falkland Islands in 1982. Later he gained experience working with refugees. In March 2022, in response to the influx of refugees fleeing the Russian invasion, Jeremy founded the Ukraine Centre, an ecumenical initiative supported by the Scots Kirk, Our Lady of Faith and Christ Church in Lausanne.

Hector the Hero

Major-General Sir Hector Archibald MacDonald KCB DSO (1853–1903). Born near Dingwall in the Scottish Highlands into a crofting family, Sir Hector rose from private to general through courage and ability alone. He served with distinction in Afghanistan, the Sudan, and South Africa. The lament '*Hector the Hero*' was composed in his honour.

After the service, we shall elect seven members to the new nominating committee for the associate minister of our charge

Worship leader Rev Christine Colliar
Welcoming elder Mak Ikeda
Ushers Sandy Cunningham, Jason Leger
Reader Nicola Hollyman
Poem Jeremy McTeague, Scots Kirk, Lausanne
Intercessor Mak Ikeda
Organ Rebecca Dirks MacDonald
Piper Kathryn Watson
Choir Páraic Réamonn
Sunday School Arthur Askew, Cornis Van der Lugt
Coffee Hazel Griffith, Christina Moses Passini

November 16 Harvest Thanksgiving

November 22 9h30 to 15h St Andrew's Fair

19h to 22h Cèilidh. Adults CHF35, children under 12 free. Salle communale des Delices, Rte de Colovrex 20, 1218 Le Grand-Saconnex
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November 24, 14h The book club will discuss Charles Dickens' *Bleak House* at the COOP Rues-Basses Fusterie restaurant (top floor, table near the window). Contact Gillian Friedli

November 29, 9h30–17h The Ignatian Spirituality community invites us to an ecumenical Advent prayer day, at St John XXIII, Rue de Montbrillant 57, 1202 Geneva. Coffee, tea, croissants and lunch included. Free registration at www.isc-geneva.ch



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