



Sunday between October 9 and October 15 inclusive

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The Church of Scotland

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Auditoire de Calvin, October 12 2025

Eighteenth 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 *Larghetto e staccato (Organ Concerto Nr. 1)*, George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

Introit *Freedom and love are ours* Christopher Idle (1938-)

Welcome

Call to worship

The heavens declare the glory of God;

The sky proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech;

Night to night reveals knowledge

Lord open our lips;

And our mouths shall praise you.

CH4 132 *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

Opening Prayer

Collect

Father God,

Beauty beyond words to express,

Love beyond hearts imagine,

by your Son Jesus Christ

you have made for us a road to heaven;

so direct us that day by day we seek that way,

and at the end attain that goal,

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Children's talk How big is God's love?

Song *Wide, wide is the ocean*

Wide, wide as the ocean, high as the heavens above;

Deep, deep as the deepest sea is my Saviour's love.

I, though so unworthy, still am a child of His care;

For His Word teaches me that His love reaches me everywhere.

Old Testament *Ezekiel 36: 22-27*

Therefore say to the house of Israel: Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations and which you have profaned among them, and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.

Psalm 23 *The King of Love my Shepherd is*
CH4 462

Gospel *John 3: 1-15*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the

Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Sermon *Born again and again*

Offering

Music *Lord Jesus Christ, be present now!*
Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

CH4 807 *(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 519 *Love Divine, all loves excelling*

Prayers for the world and its people

CH4 555 *Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound*

Benediction & threefold Amen

Postlude *Dialogue, Jean-Adam Guilain (1680-1739)*



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

Worship leader Robert Simpson
Welcoming elder Christine Bühler
Ushers Rosemary Hill, Jürg Strittmatter
Readers Jean Murray, Rosemary Hill
Organ Rebecca Dirks MacDonald
Choir Peter Tulloch
Coffee Jean Murray, Hazel Griffith

October 14, 18h00 Zoom meeting on Mediterranean Hope, IP Mission Project. Details fkendall@churchofscotland.org.uk

October 21, 19h30 (Zoom) International Presbytery seminar for everyone interested in leading prayers for the world and its people
Contact <http://ccolliar@churchofscotland.org.uk>

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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