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*Auditoire de Calvin*

*Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 14 2026*

**Prelude** Prelude in G, Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809–1847)

**Introit** *Tell it! Tell it out with gladness*  
Georgia Elma Harkness (1891–1974)

## **Welcome**

### **Call to worship**

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to our mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in us.

**For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.**

If God is for us, who is against us?

**We know that all things work together for good for those who love God.**

For we did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we received a spirit of adoption.

**When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs.**

Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees?

**But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.**

*From Romans 8*

### **GWA 25** *The God of Sarah praise*

1. The God of Sarah praise,  
the God of dreams long dead,  
who brings forth unexpected life,  
delight from dread.

Though grief lasts through the night,  
joy rises with the sun;  
God leaves us laughing in surprise  
at death undone.

2. The God of Abraham praise,  
the God of all who roam,  
who guides us into foreign lands  
and makes our home.

When darkness shrouds our path,  
the stars, as pledges, shine;  
God’s covenant will be fulfilled  
by love’s design.

3. The God of Hagar praise,  
the God of those oppressed,  
who sees the lost and overlooked  
and calls them blessed.

Though wandering alone  
through deserts of despair,  
God leads us to a well of hope  
and meets us there.

*David Bjorlin (b. 1984)*

### **Opening prayer**

**Collect** (said together)

Almighty and most merciful God,  
your Son Jesus Christ,  
exalted on high as Lord of all,  
pours out his gifts on your church,  
chief of which is the Holy Spirit.

Grant that your Spirit  
may in all things guide and direct our hearts;  
Grant us that unity which your Spirit gives,  
keep us in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole world to worship before  
your throne;  
for you live and reign, one God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
Amen.

### **All-age talk Birthdays**

**CH4 193** *God is love, his the care*

**Old Testament** *Genesis 18:1–15, 21:1–6*

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? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid...

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.”

**CH4 75**, verses, 1, 4-5 *I love the Lord*  
(from *Psalms* 116)

**New Testament** *Romans* 5:1–8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though

perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

**Gospel** Matthew 9:35–10:8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.”

**GWA 59** *Listen for God*

1. Listen for God who speaks within our hearts, in wildest thoughts, when we are least aware, and in the silence at the heart of prayer.
2. Listen for God inhabiting the edge; heard through the lost, unwanted, dispossessed, those at the margins, easily oppressed.
3. Listen for God in holy scriptures' voice; learning from all who wrote how lives were stirred, transformed, reborn by the great living Word.
4. Listen for God, for other voices call, encouraging our selfish, careless ways; ignoring others and the costs they pay.

5. Listen for God, so all may fully live;  
for we must hear the truth and change our ways  
to shape a new world, one of love and praise.  
*Andrew Brown (b. 1950)*

**Sermon** *Child care and the growth of love*

**CH4 358** *The great love of God is revealed in  
the Son*

**Offering**

**Music** *Lord Christ, the only Son of God*  
Johann Christoph Bach (1642–1703)

**Doxology**

*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.*

**Prayers for the world and all its people**

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's prayer**

**CH4 595** *O Breath of Life, come sweeping  
through us*

**Benediction and threefold Amen**

**Postlude** Praeludium in G, Johann Sebastian  
Bach (1685–750)



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*Organ* Rebecca Dirks MacDonald  
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*Sunday school* Karie Bate,  
Cornis van der Lugt,  
*Coffee* Robert and Rosaleen Walker

**June 22** 14h30 Book club, Amarante restaurant, Botanical Garden  
Book: *Orbital*, by Samantha Harvey.  
All welcome!

**June 30** 19h30 Kirk session on Zoom

### **Save the dates**

**September 26** Joint congregational awayday. Salle communale, Dullier

**November 7** St Andrew's Fair



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