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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude *Berceuse*

Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)

Introit *Womb of life and source of being*

Welcome and notices

Call to worship

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said,

*“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”*

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Isaiah 6:1–8

CH4 111 *Holy, holy, holy*

Opening prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Collect (together)

*So, Lord, in worship together we now gather.
Grant each of us a fresh vision of yourself, the
great “I am”.*

*Be the lifter of our heads as we pause to
ponder our shortcomings.*

*Be the transforming touch upon our heart,
soul, mind and strength.*

*Be the calling one who will, we pray, this day
invite us to something new in your kingdom
purposes. Amen.*

All-age talk So just what does God look like?

Creation song

He made the whole world by his Word x3

He made the whole world by his Word

He made the day and the night by his Word x3

He made the whole world by his Word

He made the water and the sky by his Word x3

He made the whole world by his Word

He made the land and the planets by his Word x3

He made the whole world by his Word

He made the sun, moon and stars by his Word x3

He made the whole world by his Word

He made the fish and the birds by his Word x3

He made the whole world by his Word

He made every living creature by his Word x3

He made the whole world by his Word

God had a rest... on that day x3

He made the whole world by his Word

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Old Testament *Genesis 1:27–2:3*

*So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.*

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

New Testament *Colossians 1:15–20*

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.

Gospel *Luke 15:11–24*

Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe – the best one – and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.”

CH4 154 *O Lord my God*

(last chorus unaccompanied)

Sermon *Celebrating the wonders of our Creator and Father God*

CH4 186 *Father God, I wonder*

Offering music *Siciliano* (Sonata No 2)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Doxology (CH4 808)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God, the Trinity of love,
before, beneath, around, above. Amen.*

Prayer of dedication

Choir *Sing praise to God* (Psalm 146)

Prayers for others

CH4 251 *I, the Lord of sea and sky*
(repeat last chorus unaccompanied)

Blessing and threefold Amen

Postlude *Allegro Moderato* (Sonata No 2)
Johann Sebastian Bach

*After the service, please join us for
lunch in the Salle Théodore de Bêze
upstairs. All are welcome!*

Worship leader Rev David Cameron
Welcoming elder Lyndsey Bochaton
Ushers Anyangwe Clarimond
Readers Arthur Askew, Jean Murray
Intercessor Christina Passini
Organ Linda Revkin
Flute Judith Peacock
Choir Páraic Réamonn
Coffee Maria Oliveira,
Stephanie Fitzjames



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Saturday September 26 Joint congregational awayday, Salle communale, Duillier. Sign up!

Contact Christine Colliar,

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Saturday October 3 9h to 17h, *Journey into joy* (Ignatian Way), Chateau de Bossey, Céligny. Contact Patricia Laurie, vervel10@gmail.com

Monday October 5 14h30, Book Club in the Salle to discuss *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey. Contact gillianfriedli@bluewin.ch

October 8-11 *Cursillo* weekend, Le Cénacle, Promenade Charles-Martin 17, 1208 Genève. Contact paraic.reamonn@gmail.com

Saturday November 7 St Andrew's Fair & Cèilidh. Salle communale des Délices, Grand-Saconnex



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