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Auditoire de Calvin, September 27 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Call to worship

Prelude *Gavotte (Organ concerto No. 3)*

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

Introit *As those of old their first fruits brought*

Frank von Christerson (1900–1996)

Welcome and Notices

Call to worship:

Come, to be yourself,
before the one who made you
to your own unique design.

**Together, may we celebrate God's creativity
in this planet, this universe, and in all that
inhabits the earth.**

Come, bringing with you the fruits of your lives,
and through God's Spirit, be enabled to grow
and blossom and flourish in faith, word and
deed.

**Speak to us, Creator God, and make us
listen. Show us your ways and help us to
walk in them.**

Hymn *We plough the fields with tractors*
(tune CH4 229 *Wir pflügen*)

1 We plough the fields with tractors,
With drills we sow the land;
But growth is still the wondrous gift
Of God's almighty hand.

We add our fertilizers
To help the growing grain;
But for its full fruition,
It needs God's sun and rain.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven
above,*

*Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, For all
his love.*

2 With many new machines now
We do the work each day;
We reap the fields with combines,
We bale the new-mown hay.
But still it's God who gives us
Inventive skill and drives
Which lighten labour's drudgery
And give us better lives. *All good gifts...*

3 He only is the maker
Of galaxies and stars;

Of birds and beasts and flowers,
And any life on Mars.
Atomic powers obey him,
Yet still the birds are fed;
By him our prayer is answered:
Give us our daily bread *All good gifts...*
4 We thank thee then, O Father,
For life so rich and good,
For seedtime and the harvest,
The wealth of daily food.
No gifts have we to offer
Such as thy love imparts,
But what thou most desirest:
Our humble thankful hearts. *All good gifts...*
(words by Frank Low, b.1912)

Prayer of adoration and confession

Collect (said together)

*Creator of all, grant us the grace to celebrate
all your hands have made. Teach us to know
our place in your creation and to care and
nurture all that lives. So may we honour this
world as the gift it is from you. Amen*

All-age preamble

CH4 226 *God whose farm is all creation*

Old Testament *Genesis 2:4–15 (CEB)*

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

On the day the Lord God made earth and sky – before any wild plants appeared on the earth, and before any field crops grew, because the Lord God hadn’t yet sent rain on the earth and there was still no human being to farm the fertile land, though a stream rose from the earth and watered all of the fertile land – the Lord God formed the human from the topsoil of the fertile land and blew life’s breath into his nostrils. The human came to life. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east and put there the human he had formed. In the fertile land, the Lord God grew every beautiful tree with edible fruit, and also he grew the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows from Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides into four headwaters. The name of the first river is the Pishon. It flows around the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. That land’s gold is pure, and the

land also has sweet-smelling resins and gemstones. The name of the second river is the Gihon. It flows around the entire land of Cush. The name of the third river is the Tigris, flowing east of Assyria; and the name of the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it.

A pause for thought...

Gospel *John 6:25-35 (NRSV)*

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

CH4 231 *For the fruits of all creation*

Harvest reflection

GWA 153 *God, the maker of the heavens*

1 God, the maker of the heavens,
and the planet that we share,
show us how to live, like Jesus,
lives of gratitude and care.

Make us mindful of the footprints
from the lives that we pursue.

Make us partners in your mission:
you are making all things new.

2 God, the gardener of Eden,
teach us how to tend this earth,
learning from the changing seasons,
times of fallow and new birth.

Lord have mercy when we're careless,
rich resources we misuse.

Use our hands to heal creation:
you are making all things new.

3 God of labour and vocation,
Lord of science, trade and art,
take our efforts and our passions
make them mirrors of your heart.
Every habitat and creature
loved and valued, God, by you.

May our lives reveal your Kingdom:
you are making all things new.

Words: Sam Hargreaves (b. 1979, England)
tune CH4 547 Converse

Offering music *Dearest Jesus, we are here*
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.

Prayers for others, the world, us

We close with these words, said together:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed by your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our
debtors

and lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil,

for yours is the kingdom, the power and the
glory forever, Amen.

CH4 137 *All things bright and beautiful*

Blessing and threefold Amen

Postlude *Prelude No. 1 in c minor*
Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Worship leader Very Rev Susan Brown
Welcoming elder Lyndsey Bochaton
Usher Lucy Akomea
Readers Freda Craeye, Nicola Hollyman
Organ Rebecca Dirks MacDonald
Choir Páraic Réamonn
Coffee Sherree Atkinson, Hazel Griffith

Thursday October 1 18h30 to 20h15. WCC and RECG. *Christian witness in the Holy Land in a time of trial*, with three Palestinian speakers. Followed by a buffet. Salle Trocmé, Rue du Jura 2, 1201 Geneva

Saturday October 3 9h to 17h, *Journey into joy* (Ignatian Way), Château 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

November 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 des Délices, Grand–Saconnex
Cèilidh tickets (adults CHF 35, children under 12 free) must be booked in advance: email ceilidhchurchofscotlandgeneva@gmail.com

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