Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



January 1, 2023 11:30

Growing together and reaching out in Christ

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the Day as you prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

"Plein Jeu" from the Gloria of the "Mass for the Monasteries" François Couperon (1668-1733) Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 84: 1-2, 4
How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord Almighty!
My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.
Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Dennis Wright

*Call to Worship Fleur Fahner

Leader: All praise be to Jesus Christ!

People: He has called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Leader: Jesus is the living Stone, upon which our lives are built.

People: He has made us a royal priesthood, a holy nation, his own special

possession. Praise be to God!

*Hymn of Praise

#276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Text: Thomas Obediah Chisholm; Music: William Marion Runyan

Examination Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down;

you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue

you, Lord, know it completely.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

People: Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting.

Leader: Please join me in silent confession.

Prayer of Confession

People: Almighty Father; we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We are sorry for the sins we have done against you. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord have mercy and forgive us through Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

*Gloria Patri

#579 "Glory Be to the Father"

Text: Henry W. Greatorex; Tune: Gloria Patri

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Nathan Wannemacher

First Reading

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (p. 790)

Fleur Fahner

Meditation

Finale. Andante from Sonata op. 65 Nr. 6 in D Major Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) Ruth Pfister, Organ

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:19-22 (p. 1174)

Sermon

"Core Values of IPC in 2023"

Rev. Dennis Wright

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response

#442 "The Church's One Foundation"

Text: Samuel John Stone; Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Remi Tobler, Elder for Outreach & Missions

Offertory

"Desseins Eternels" from "La Nativité du Seigneur" Olivier Messiaien (1908-1992) Ruth Pfister, Organ

"Dieu, dans son amour, nous a prédestinés a être ses fils adoptifs, par Jésus-Christ, à la louange de la gloire de sa grâce." "God, in his love, has predestined us to be his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, to the praise of the glory of his grace."

(Epître de Saint Paul aux Ephésiens)

(Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians)

*Doxology

#592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Text: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Prayers of the People

Remi Tobler

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who have trespassed against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Remi Tobler

Announcements

*Hymn of Dedication

#507 "I Come with Joy"

Text: Brian Wren; Music: Austin C. Lovelace

*Commissioning and Benediction

Rev. Dennis Wright

Postlude

Fugue in C Major BWV 545 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) Ruth Pfister, Organ

Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. For those who need to leave, please do so quietly.

^{*}Please stand if you are able.