

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



September 10, 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

Tonstück op. 22 Nr. 1 in F Major Moderato  
Nils Wilhelm Gade (1817 – 1890)  
Ruth Pfister, Organ

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 51:1-2, 7-9

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.

## Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

## Introit

“This Is the Day”

Words and Music by Mark Patterson  
Morning Worship Choir; Chandler Cudlipp, Director

## \*Call to Worship

Liliane Altermatt

Leader: O, Lord, open our lips,  
**People: and our mouths shall declare your praise.**  
Leader: Spirit, open our ears,  
**People: That we may hear your voice.**  
Leader: Lord, wake us from our slumber, from our distraction!  
**People: Let us remember the wonder of your forgiveness,  
let us never tire of your perfect words.**  
Leader: Lord, we hold fast to you.

## \*Hymn of Praise

#376 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”  
Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Rowland Hugh Prichard

## Examination

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found,

**People: call upon him while he is near.**

Leader: Let the wicked abandon their ways

**People: and the unrighteous their thoughts.**

Leader: Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy;

**People: to our God who will richly pardon.**

Leader: Let us silently search our hearts, and confess to God our sins.

## Prayer of Confession

Leader: Our loving God, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, comfort, and convenience. We have served our own desires instead of serving you. We have not loved you and our neighbor as you have commanded.

**People: Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## \*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and trust in his Son as Savior and Lord. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**People: Amen.**

## \*Gloria Patri

#579 "Glory Be to the Father"

Words: Henry W. Greatorex; Tune: *Gloria Patri*

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### Old Testament Reading

Psalm 85:1-7 (pp. 595-596)

Liliane Altermatt

### Meditation

"My Tribute"

Words and Music by Andraé Crouch, arr. Gordon Schultz

Cheyne Davidson, Baritone; Gordon Schultz, Piano

### New Testament Reading

Revelation 3:1-6 (p. 1235)

### Sermon

"Being the Church: The Example of ICC Sardis"

Rev. Mark van Stee

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### \*Hymn of Response

#327 "O Word of God Incarnate"

Words by William Walsham How; Music from *Neuvermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, adapt. Felix Mendelssohn

## **Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

Dorli Scherer, Children's  
Ministry Elder

### **Offertory**

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"  
Words and Music by Doris Akers  
Morning Worship Choir

### **\*Doxology**

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

## **Prayers of the People**

Dorli Scherer

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Installation of Rev. Mark van Stee**

**Litany of Spiritual Gifts** *(see insert)*

**Presentation of the Pastor-Elect**

**Pastoral Vows**

**Congregational Vows** *(see insert)*

**Laying on of Hands**

**Charge**

**Welcome**

Nathan Wannemacher  
Jean-Claude Gottraux, Council Chair

Rev. Bettina Lichtler

## **GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING**

### **Welcoming of Guests**

Dorli Scherer

### **Announcements**

### **\*Hymn of Dedication**

#478 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (verses 1, 3 & 4)  
Words by Henry Francis Lyte; Music by John Goss

### **\*Commissioning and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark van Stee

### **Choral Benediction**

"A Clare Benediction"  
Words and Music by John Rutter  
Morning Worship Choir

### **Postlude**

Toccata from Symphony Nr. 5 op. 42 Nr. 1 in F Minor  
Charles-Marie Widor (1844 – 1937)  
Ruth Pfister, Organ

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

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***\*Please stand if you are able.***