

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



June 11, 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

Prelude in E flat Major

Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer (1656 – 1746)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 130:3-5

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Heather Altermatt, Elder for
Morning Worship

***Call to Worship**

Liliane Altermatt

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader: Jesus is our Way.

People: With Jesus even dark places are light;

Leader: Jesus is the Truth.

People: In Jesus we shall live forever;

Leader: Give us the joy of your saving help

People: and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

***Hymn of Praise**

#356 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Words: Robert Robinson; Music: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*

Examination

Heather Altermatt

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"

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10 (pp. 1173-1174)

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Meditation

Little Prelude in F Major BWV 556

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Second Reading

Colossians 1:19-29 (pp. 1182-1183)

Sermon

“Reconciliation through Christ”

Nathan Wannemacher

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Joël Duss

Offertory

Choral Prelude on “Lord Jesus Christ, Turn to Us”

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681 – 1767)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

***Doxology**

#592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Testimony

Praveen Richard

Prayers of the People

Heather Altermatt

The Lord’s Prayer

GOING WITH GOD’S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Heather Altermatt

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication**

#457 “I Greet Thee, Who Thy Sure Redeemer Art”

Words: Attr. John Calvin, Trans. Elizabeth Lee Smith

Music: Adapt. from Genevan 124, Genevan Psalter

***Commissioning and Pastoral Benediction**

Nathan Wannemacher

Postlude

Fugue in F Major BuxWV 157

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)

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.**