

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



February 12, 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 C Major BWV 545

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 24:3-4

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?

Who may stand in his holy place?

The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,

who does not trust in an idol

or swear by a false god.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Dennis Wright

***Call to Worship**

Paul Nelson

Leader: Lord, give us clean hands,

People: And create within us a pure heart.

Leader: Do not let us trust in idols,

People: Or swear by false Gods.

Leader: Let us receive your blessings,

People: and let us seek your face, God of Jacob.

(Based on Psalm 24:3-6)

***Hymn of Praise**

“O God Our Help in Ages Past”

Text: Isaac Watts; Music: William Croft

Examination

Eric Ohlund, Elder for Personnel, Property & Planning

Leader: Search our hearts, God, and reveal to us any wrongdoing. Show us where we have lived for ourselves, and not for you. Reveal to us how we have hurt you, others, and ourselves. Make clear our motivations and desires, and mold and form us more into your image. Please join me in silent confession.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy and merciful Father, we confess in your presence our sins.

People: We are so often quick to do evil, and slow to do good. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Leader: Have mercy on us, Lord.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: “Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit (Psalm 32:1)” Believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven! All thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri**

#579 “Glory Be to the Father”

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:7-13 (p. 287)

Paul Nelson

Meditation

“Near to the Heart of God”

Text: Fanny J. Crosby; Music: William H. Doane and Cleland B. McAfee

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Cheyne Davidson, Baritone; Gordon Schultz, Piano

Second Reading

2 Samuel 7:4-13 (pp. 310-311)

Sermon

“David, man after God's heart”

Foundations Series #5

Rev. Dennis Wright

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Eric Ohlund

Offertory

“The New 23rd”

Text and Music: Ralph Carmichael

Cheyne Davidson, Baritone; Gordon Schultz, Piano

***Doxology**

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

Text: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Testimony

Rajan Nainar

Prayers of the People

Eric Ohlund

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

Eric Ohlund

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication**

#416 “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

Text: 7th century, Latin; Trans. John Mason Neale; Music: Henry Purcell

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Rev. Dennis Wright

Postlude

Little Fugue Nr. 5 in G Major BWV 557

Johann Sebastian Bach

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.**