

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



August 13, 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

Andante Tranquillo from Sonata No. 3

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Chelsea Chen, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity!

It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.

It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the Lord bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Oh Lord, let our praise today rise to you like incense.

People: You are the One who was, the One who is, and the One who is to come.

Leader: You are the Alpha and the Omega,

People: the beginning and the end. For you and through you are all things.

Leader: All glory and power to you forever.

People: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

#440 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Words: John Oxenham; Music: African-American spiritual, Adapt. Harry T. Burleigh

Examination

Nathan Wannemacher

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"

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Nathan Wannemacher

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 133 (pp. 625-626)

Meditation

"Meditation religieuse"

Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

Chelsea Chen, Organ

New Testament Reading

Revelation 2:1-7 (p. 1234)

Sermon

"Being the Church: The Example of ICC Ephesus"

Rev. Mark van Stee

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response**

#85 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Words: American folk hymn; Music: Walker's *Southern Harmony*

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Susan Knüsel, Elder for
Fellowship & Special Events

Offertory

"Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter", BWV 650

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Chelsea Chen, Organ

***Doxology**

#592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Prayers of the People

Susan Knüsel

The Lord's Prayer

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Susan Knüsel

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Abraham Maldonado (ECLA), Eastern Europe/Spain

Jürg Kessler

***Hymn of Dedication**

Insert "They'll Know We Are Christians"

Words and music: Peter Scholtes

***Commissioning and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark van Stee

Postlude

Toccata in b-Minor

Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

Chelsea Chen, Organ

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

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