



IPC

International
Protestant Church
Zurich



Sunday, September 15, 2024

Mission Sunday

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

"Plein jeu" from the *Gloria* of the *Messe pour les Couvents*
Francois Couperin (1668-1733)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 139:7-12

Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"
even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

Introit

"Praise the Lord"

Heinz Werner Zimmermann

IPC Singers

Chandler Cudlipp, Director

*Call to Worship

Peter Chen

Leader: All who thirst, come to the water.

People: Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

Leader: The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.

People: Let us drink deeply of these living waters. Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

*Hymn of Praise #476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

Words: Robert Grant; Music: Attr. Johann Michael Haydn

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Mark van Stee

Leader: Almighty God, we confess our sin before you. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.

People: Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Pardon

Rev. Mark van Stee

Leader: You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.

People: When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

(Romans 8:1, 15-17)

God's Will for Our Lives

Leader: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last— and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

People: This is my command: Love each other." (John 15:16-17)

***Gloria Patri #579** "Glory Be to the Father"

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

Howard Nelson

IPC Singers

First Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-8 (p. 1092)

Peter Chen

Meditation

"Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me"

arr. K. Lee Scott

IPC Singers

Second Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:3-8 and 4:14-19 (pp. 1178, 1181)

Sermon

"Spirit Seeds"

Rev. Dr. James Bultema

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response #376** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Words: Charles Wesley; Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Joël Duss, Elder for Communication
and Membership Involvement

Offertory

Allegretto from Sonata op. 65 nr. 4 in B flat Major
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

*Doxology

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

Prayers of the People

Joël Duss

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison in English or the language of your choice*)

**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 trespass 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

Joël Duss

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication** (Insert) "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"
Peter Scholtes

*Sending and Pastoral Benediction

Rev. Mark van Stee

Postlude

Fugue in F minor BWV 534
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

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

Today's bulletin cover, in recognition of Mission Sunday, depicts a 16th century geographical perspective of the world from cartographer, Gerard de Jode. "The map (1593) is an early example of the imaginatory powers of cartographers. Gerard de Jode has visualized the appearance of the Earth as if seen from orbit at a vantage point above the northern celestial pole."

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