

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



Shan Sunday
September 17, 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

Little Prelude Nr. 5 in G Major BWV 557
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)
Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 27:1,13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?

I remain confident of this:

I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord;

be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

***Call to Worship**

Dorothy Kwan

Leader: The LORD alone is great,

People: Let us worship him with all our hearts.

Leader: His love cannot be measured,

People: His compassions are new every morning.

Leader: He is our portion,

People: He is our hope. All praise be to him!

***Hymn of Praise**

#466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Words by Charles Wesley; music by Carl Gotthelf Gläser, arr. Lowell Mason

Examination

Rev. Mark van Stee

Leader: The Lord does not look at what people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

People: Test us, Lord, and try us, examine our hearts and our minds.

Leader: Reveal to us our wrongdoing,

People: Show us where we have gone astray.

Leader: With the Spirit's help, let us search our hearts, and confess our sins in silence.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us (1 John 1:8).

People: Holy God, we humbly come before you, confessing our sins. We are sorry for not loving you with our whole heart; we are sorry for not loving our neighbors as ourselves. We know there are ways we have unknowingly strayed from you, we are sorry Lord; bring us back to your path. In your grace forgive us through Jesus Christ, Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

People: Let us rejoice! While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. We are washed clean of our sins, we are justified through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Gloria Patri

#579 "Glory Be to the Father"

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Lamentations 3:21-26 (p. 827)

Dorothy Kwan

Meditation

Adagio from "Flute Concerto for the Organ" op. 55

Johann Christian Heinrich Rinck (1770 – 1846)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

New Testament Reading

Acts 27:21-25 (p. 1125)

Sermon

“Proving God’s Faithfulness in the Midst of Trials”

Andrew Goodman

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response**

#276 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Words by Thomas Obediah Chisholm; music by William Marion Runyan

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Eric Ohlund, Elder for Personnel,
Property & Planning

Offertory

Andante from “Fantasy in F Minor” KV 608

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 – 1791)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

***Doxology**

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

Words by Thomas Ken; Music from the Genevan Psalter

Open Prayers of the People

Eric Ohlund, Boopathy Dhanapal, Barbara Bagajo

The Lord’s Prayer

GOING WITH GOD’S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Eric Ohlund

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication**

#142 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

Words by Edward Perronet and John Rippon; music by Oliver Holden

***Commissioning and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark van Stee

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.***