

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



June 18, 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**

Grave from Toccata septima  
Georg Muffat (1653 – 1704)  
Ruth Pfister, Organ

### **Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 103:1-5

Praise the Lord, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
Praise the Lord, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits—  
who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,  
who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

### **Welcome and Commissioning Prayer**

Susan Knüsel, Elder for  
Fellowship & Special Events

### **\*Call to Worship**

Magnus Osei-Akoto

Leader: Let us praise the Lord,

**People: for he has forgiven us our sins.**

Leader: Let us praise the Lord,

**People: The One who heals our disease.**

Leader: Let us praise the Lord,

**People: He who redeems us from the pit. He crowns us with love and compassion. Come and let us praise the Lord!**

(based on Psalm 103:1-5)

### **\*Hymn of Praise**

#466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Words: Charles Wesley; Music: Carl Gotthoelf Gläser

### **Examination**

Susan Knüsel

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**

### **First Reading**

Matthew 7:24-27 (p. 972)

Magnus Osei-Akoto

### **Meditation**

“God’s Love”

William Rhys-Herbert

Kai Bischoff, Bass-Baritone; Ruth Pfister, Piano

### **Second Reading**

Colossians 2:6-15 (p. 1183)

### **Sermon**

“Brought to Fullness in Christ”

Nathan Wannemacher

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

### **\*Hymn of Response**

Insert – “It is Well with My Soul”

Words: Horatio G. Spafford; Music: Philip P. Bliss

### **Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

Susan Knüsel

## **Offertory**

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Albert Hay Malotte

Kai Bischoff, Bass-Baritone; Ruth Pfister, Piano

## **\*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**

**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**

Susan Knüsel

### **Announcements**

### **\*Hymn of Dedication**

#555 “Now Thank We All Our God”

Words: Martin Rinckart, Trans. Catherine Winkworth; Music: Johann Crüger

### **\*Commissioning and Pastoral Benediction**

Nathan Wannemacher

### **Postlude**

Fugue in F Major

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

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

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