

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



August 20, 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 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

***Call to Worship**

Kay Stobaugh

Leader: Sovereign God, we need you; hear us, and speak.

People: In humility let us receive your Words, no matter how difficult to accept them. Even though we fear, give us strength to walk your path.

Leader: Give us trust when we don't understand.

People: Give us hope in suffering. Give us faithfulness to you, even unto death.

Leader: Let us receive the victor's crown- life eternal with you.

***Hymn of Praise**

#260 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Words: Martin Luther, Trans. Frederick Henry Hedge; Music: Martin Luther

Examination

Nathan Wannemacher

**People: Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.**

**See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting (Psalm 139:23-24).**

Leader: Let us search our hearts and silently confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

**People: Almighty God, with our whole hearts,
we confess to you our neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,
our wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;
the hurts we have done to others,
and the good we have left undone.**

**O God, forgive us, for we have sinned against you;
and bring us closer to yourself;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: The God of love and power
has forgiven you and freed you from your sins,
he has healed and strengthened you by his Spirit,
and he has raised you to new life in Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

***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 46 (pp. 570-571)

Meditation

"Cradle Song" by Béla Bartók (1881-1945)

Harry White and Amit Dubester, Saxophones

New Testament Reading

Revelation 2:8-11 (p. 1234)

Sermon

"Being the Church: The Example of ICC Smyrna"

Rev. Mark van Stee

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response

#389 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Words: John Ernest Bode; Music: Finnish folk melody, Adapt. and harm. David Evans

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Joël Duss, Elder for Evening
Worship

Offertory

"Oyfn veg shteyt a boym"

("On the road stands a tree")

Traditional Hebrew

Harry White and Amit Dubester, Saxophones

על הדרך עץ עומד

*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

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Joël Duss

Announcements

*Hymn of Dedication

#448 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Words: Ernest W. Shurtleff; Music: Henry Thomas Smart

*Commissioning and Pastoral Benediction

Rev. Mark van Stee

Postlude

Canonic Sonata in G-Major (orig. for 2 Flutes or 2 Violins)

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1787)

III. *Allegro*

Harry White and Amit Dubester, Saxophones

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

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