

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter
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 heart and mind for worship.

Prelude

Prelude in F Major

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer (1656-1746)

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119:57-60

You are my portion, Lord;

I have promised to obey your words.

I have sought your face with all my heart;

be gracious to me according to your promise.

I have considered my ways

and have turned my steps to your statutes.

I will hasten and not delay

to obey your commands.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Nathan Wannemacher

*Call to Worship

Jolene Blesson

Leader: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

People: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Leader: Let us worship God with the whole of our lives. Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.

People: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth. Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

*Hymn of Praise #487 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Words: German hymn, c. 1800; trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858; alt.

Music: Joseph Barnby, 1868

Prayer of Confession

Joël Duss, Evening Worship Elder

Leader: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

People: Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Leader: Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

People: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

People: For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Amen. (Romans 5:8-10)

God's Will for Our Lives

Leader: By the Holy Spirit, all who believe and are baptized receive a ministry, to witness to Jesus as Savior and Lord, and to love and serve those with whom they live and work.

People: We are ambassadors for Christ, who reconciles and makes whole. We are the salt of the earth; we set our light on a hill, to glorify Christ.

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

Words: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851; Tune: *Gloria Patri*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

1 Peter 2:11-12 (p. 1218)

Jolene Blesson

Meditation

Little Prelude Nr. 4 in F Major BWV 556
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (p. 1162)

Sermon

"Now what?"

Nathan Wannemacher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Words: Charles Wesley, 1747; Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Joël Duss

Offertory

Adagio e dolce from Triosonata Nr. 3 in D minor BWV 527
Johann Sebastian Bach

Ruth Pfister, Organ

***Doxology**

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

Words: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709; Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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 #391** "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874; Music: H. A. César Malan, 1827

***Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Nathan Wannemacher

Postlude

Fugue from Sonata op. 65 Nr. 2 in C minor
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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.***