

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



May 21, 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 D Major

Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer (1656 – 1746)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

### **Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 117

Praise the LORD, all you nations;  
extol him, all you peoples.

For great is his love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD.

### **Welcome and Commissioning Prayer**

Nathan Wannemacher

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

Kay Stobaugh

Leader: Lord, let us humbly come before you in worship today.

**People: You are Lord of heaven and earth, you give life and breath and everything else.**

Leader: We join in your eternal praise, saying,

**People: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."**

Leader: May your name ever be praised!

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

#229 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

Text: Isaac Watts; Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*; Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

### **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 God's 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"

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

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **Scripture Reading**

Acts 17:16-34 (pp. 1113-1114)

Kay Stobaugh

### **Meditation**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Text: Martin Rinckart, trans. Catherine Winkworth; Music: Johann Crüger, melody; alt.  
Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Richard Walters  
Randal Turner, Baritone; Ruth Pfister, Organ

### **Sermon**

"Proclaiming Good News: Lessons from Paul in Athens"

Michael Widmer

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

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

Warren Schenler, Elder for  
Adult Education & Retreats

## **Offertory**

“Down in the Valley to Pray”

Arr. Jay Althouse

“Heaven Bound Light of Mine” (Heaven Bound Soldier / This Little Light of Mine)

Arr. Philip Kern

Randal Turner, Baritone; Ruth Pfister, Piano

## **\*Doxology**

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

Text: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

## **Testimony**

Sophie Somm

## **Prayers of the People**

Warren Schenler

## **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**

Warren Schenler

### **Announcements**

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

#483 “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, Trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox

Music: Bohemian Brethren’s *Kirchengesang*

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

### **Postlude**

Allegro maestoso from Sonata in D Major op. 65 Nr. 5

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

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.**