

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



October 22, 2023

11:30

Home Group  
Sunday

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 567

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

### **Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 25:8-11

Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.  
He guides the humble in what is right  
and teaches them his way.  
All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful  
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.  
For the sake of your name, Lord,  
forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

### **Welcome and Commissioning Prayer**

Rev. Mark van Stee

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

Natascha Gray

Leader: Let us worship God.

**People: "He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust."**

Leader: Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

**People: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."**

Leader: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

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

#260 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Words by Martin Luther, Trans. Henry Hedge; Music by Martin Luther

### **Examination**

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: God, we come before you honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, about how we love you and one another. In this spirit, let us search our hearts, and silently confess our sins before you.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you.

**People: You constantly call us, but we do not listen.**

Leader: You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

**People: God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

## **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: When you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with Christ, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. Amen.

## **\*Gloria Patri**

#579 “Glory Be to the Father”

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

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **Children’s Message**

Rev. Mark van Stee

*Children are dismissed to their special program.*

### **Old Testament Reading**

Natascha Gray

Psalm 18:1-2;25-29 (pp. 550-551)

### **Meditation**

Méditation from “Thaïs” by Jules Massenet  
Elias Nyman, Violin; Gordon Schultz, Piano

### **New Testament Reading**

Revelation 3:14-22 (p. 1236)

### **Sermon**

“Being the Church: The Example of ICC Laodicea”

Rev. Mark van Stee

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

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

Warren Schenler,  
Elder for Adult Education & Retreats

## **Offertory**

“Song from a Secret Garden” by Rolf Løvland  
Elias Nyman, Violin; Gordon Schultz, Piano

## **\*Doxology**

#592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
Words by Thomas Ken; Music from the Genevan Psalter

## **Home Group Testimonies**

Paula Somm, ShalHome Home Group  
Lydia Schönplflug, Zeal Home Group

## **Prayers of the People**

Warren Schenler, Elder for Adult Education & Retreats,  
Boopathy Dhanapal and Vicky Lee, Zurich-Schaffhausen Home Group

## **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 have trespassed 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**

### **Introduction of Home Groups**

Boopathy Dhanapal

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

#11 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”  
Words by Paul Gerhardt, Trans. Catherine Winkworth and others  
Music by Melchior Teschner

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

Rev. Mark van Stee

### **Postlude**

Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux  
Nicolas de Grigny (1672 – 1703)  
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.***