

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



July 23, 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 E flat Major BWV 552

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 46:1-3

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

³ though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Nathan Wannemacher

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Tell of God's salvation from day to day,

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations.

People: God's marvelous works among all peoples.

Leader: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

All: He is to be held in awe above all gods.

***Hymn of Praise**

#262 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

Words: Daniel Crane Roberts: Music: George William Warren

Examination

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found,

People: call upon him while he is near.

Leader: Let the wicked abandon their ways

People: and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Leader: Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy;

People: to our God who will richly pardon.

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

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Our loving God, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another.

We have worshiped other gods: money, power, comfort, and convenience.

We have served our own desires instead of serving you.

We have not loved you and our neighbor as you have commanded.

People: Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and trust in his Son as Saviour and Lord. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

People: Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

#579 "Glory Be to the Father"

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Children's Message

*Children 2-5 are dismissed to their special program.
Activity booklets are available at the ushers' table for children in the service.*

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 46 (pp. 570-571)

Meditation

Stück für Flötenuhr Wo033 Nr. 1 in C Major

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 – 1827)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

New Testament Reading

Matthew 28:18-20 (p. 1001)

Sermon

"Copers, Choosers and Changers"

Rev. Dr. Jeff Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response**

#429 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

Words: Jeffery W. Rowthorn; Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Eric Ohlund, Elder for
Personnel, Property & Planning

Offertory

"A New Morning"

Fons van Gorp

Ruth Pfister, Piano

***Doxology**

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

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Prayers of the People

Eric Ohlund

The Lord's Prayer (p.16, traditional)

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Eric Ohlund

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication**

Insert "Go into the World"

Text: adapt. Matthew 28:19-20; Music: Natalie Sleeth

***Commissioning and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Jeff Powell

Postlude

Prelude in G Major BWV 568

Johann Sebastian Bach

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.***