

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



September 24, 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 84:10-12

Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.
Lord Almighty,
blessed is the one who trusts in you.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

***Call to Worship**

Christine Schultz

Leader: The glory of the Lord is ever before us.

People: We rejoice and sing God's praise forever.

Leader: God, give us strength to keep your word through trials. Give us endurance in a world fraught with temptations.

People: Jesus, fill us with the hope of your return. Let us remember the eternal reward of your presence.

Leader: Better is one day in your courts, than thousands elsewhere.

People: One thing we ask, Lord, this we seek: that we may dwell in your house forever.

***Hymn of Praise**

#179 "God Is My Salvation"

Words by James Montgomery; Music by Melchior Vulpius

***The Apostles' Creed** (Ecumenical, p. 14)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth,
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at
the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the
dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

#579 "Glory Be to the Father"

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 27:1-6 (p. 557)

Christine Schultz

New Testament Reading

Revelations 3:7-13 (p. 1235)

Sermon

"Being the Church: The Example of ICC Philadelphia"

Rev. Mark van Stee

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Leader: With joy we praise you, gracious God...

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit...

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying:

The Lord's Prayer

The Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response**

#441 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Words by Timothy Dwight; Music from *The Universal Psalmodist*, adapt. by Aaron Williams

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Brian Sparks, Treasurer

Offertory

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Words and music by Graham Kendrick; arr. by Jack Schrader

Morning Worship Choir

Chandler Cudlipp, Director; Ruth Pfister, Organ

***Doxology**

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

Words by Thomas Ken; Music from the Genevan Psalter

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Brian Sparks

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

***Hymn of Dedication**

#1 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Words by Charles Wesley; Music from Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*

***Commissioning and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark van Stee

Choral Benediction

"May the Road Rise to Meet You"

Traditional Irish Blessing; Music by Cinthia Grose

Postlude

Little Fugue Nr. 4 in F Major BWV 556

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

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