Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



December 26, 2021 12:00

Growing together and reaching out in Christ

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, please meditate on the Psalm of the Day as you prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

Little Prelude No.1, BWV 553 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Meditation on the Psalm of the Day

Psalm 40:1-5

I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him. Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

*Call to Worship (Psalm 95:6-7)

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship.

People: Let us kneel before the LORD our maker; For he is our God

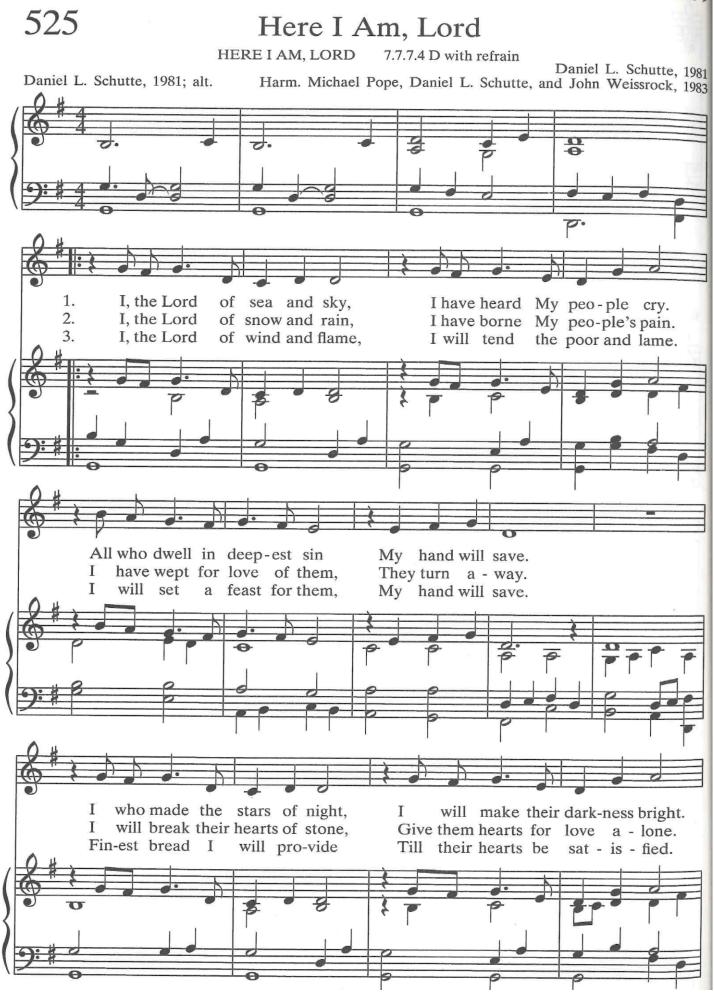
and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

*Hymn of Praise

"Here I am, Lord" Daniel L. Schutte, 1981

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Isaiah 6:8-9





The Apostles' Creed (Ecumencial)

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 arose 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 life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Nathan Wannemacher

Children's activity bags are available from the ushers.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple.² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.³ And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Meditation

Chorale Prelude: "In dulci jubilo", BWV 751 Johann Sebastian Bach

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people,¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

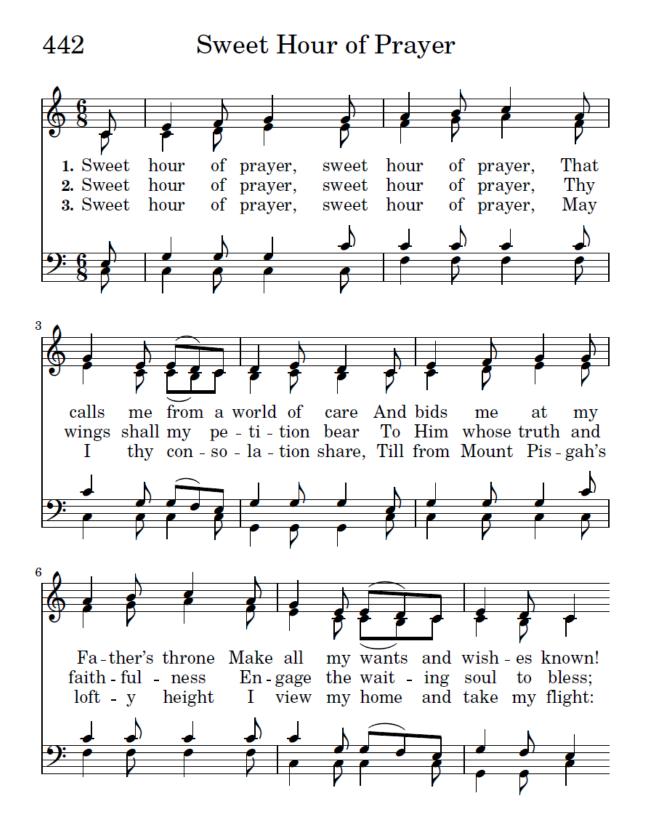
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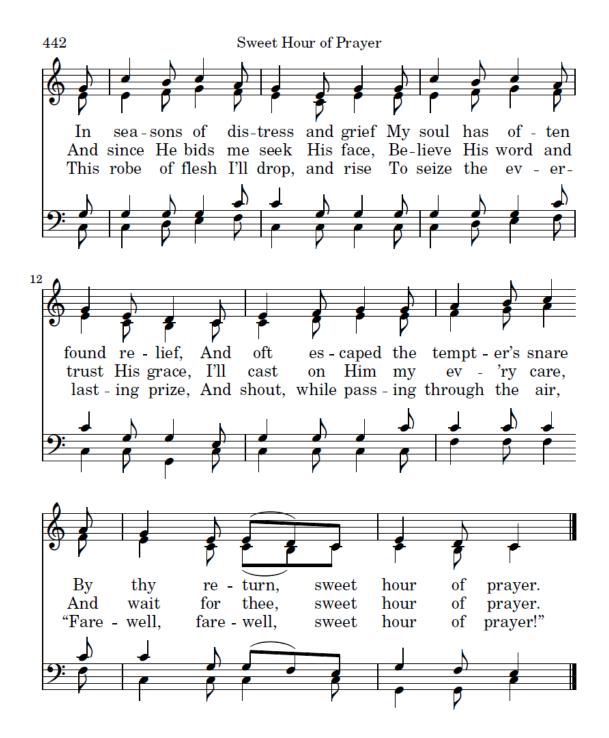
"Prayer in 2022" Rev. Dennis Wright

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" Text: William Walford (1772-1850) Tune: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)





Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Paul Nelson, Council Chairperson

IPC is a self-supporting church. We are reliant on and very thankful for your regular giving to finance the church and to support our missions, charities and those less fortunate in our community.

Please prayerfully consider giving via bank online transfer, Twint or Paypal. The banking information and payment method links can be found on the IPC website, as well as at the back of the bulletin.

Offertory

"Pifa" from *Messiah*, HWV 56 Georg Friedrich Händel (1685–1759) *Doxology



SERVICE MUSIC

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation

Communion Liturgy

- Leader: The Lord be with you.
- People: And also with you.
- 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 to give him thanks and praise!

Leader: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer you our thanks and praise, O God ...

> And so, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and gracious name, through our Lord Jesus Christ, forever praising you and saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcome of Guests

Announcements

*Hymn of Dedication

"Be Thou My Vision" Irish Ballad Harm. David Evans, 1927

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LIFE IN CHRIST

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Be Thou My Vision

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

"Hallelujah" from *Messiah* Georg Friedrich Händel

Serving Today:

Preacher: Rev. Dennis Wright Morning Worship Music Coordinator: Chandler Cudlipp Musicians: Ruth Pfister, Organ Elder: Paul Nelson, Council Chairperson Reader: Ushers: Paul and Eva Nelson Communion: Christina Gautschi Zoom Livestream: Stefan Heuberger & Chile Anhut Sound: Prayer Team: Boopathy

For parents:

For any parents who need to leave the service with their infant, please feel free to join the Zoom simulcast on your phone so you don't miss anything. The meeting ID is **950 9439 6439** and the password is **203719**.

IPC Calendar:

Sunday, December 26

• NO Evening Worship Service

Sunday, January 2, 2022

- 12:00: In-person/Online Morning Worship
- 18:00: In-person/Online Evening Worship

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

• 7:00: Men's Breakfast, led by Pastor Dennis

Announcements:

Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)

Save the date: the ACM will be held on Sunday, January 30, after the morning service.

Nominations for 2022–2024 Elders

The council is calling for nominations from the congregation to fill the open council elder positions. Please use the form available from the ushers to submit your nominations by the end of this week.

Men's Breakfast

"How to Know and Live the Will of God"

Dennis Wright will lead our first Men's Breakfast this year. Join us for a time of learning, fellowship and sharing. It is also a great opportunity to get to know Dennis and for him to get to know us.

Wednesday, January 2 at 7:00 via Zoom

Bible@10

New study starting on January 16.

Come join us at Bible@10 as Phillip Jensen's study guide takes us through Paul's letters to Timothy in seven Bible studies for small groups. Come even if you cannot be part of it every Sunday – you will still profit from the study and enjoy the group. On Zoom at 9:30 every Sunday. See the study plan on the website.

Christmas Collection Envelopes



Christmas collection

This year, donations will go to Netz4 and Chrischtehüsli, two local organizations, that we have supported in previous years. They help people on the fringe of society; some of whom live on the streets of Zurich. This Christmas collection gives the IPC congregation another opportunity to show solidarity with needy people in our neighborhood Please use the donation envelopes or the Twint QR code to make your donation.

Office Hours: Please Email or Call

The office is closed from December 24 to January 3. In an emergency please contact Pastor Dennis: 076 329 55 25.

The IPC staff is working both in the office and at home right now. Please call (044 262 55 25) during office hours (Tuesday-Friday, 9:00-17:00) or email (office@ipc-zurich.org) to make sure the office is open before stopping by.

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!

Many thanks for stopping by, and we hope that your time with us will be rewarding and enriching as we worship Christ together.

Activity booklets and sermon notes pages for children are available on the table just outside the sanctuary.

Get Connected

The best ways for you to begin at IPC are:

- Join a Home Group
- Sign up to receive the e-newsletter
- Serve at IPC
- Become a member

For more information about programs and events, visit ipc-zurich.org.

Staff

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