

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



August 27, 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

“Nun danket alle Gott” (“Now thank we all our God”) from Cantata BWV 192  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); arr. Gordon Schultz  
Gordon Schultz, Piano

### Psalm of the Day

Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?  
Who may live on your holy mountain?  
The one whose walk is blameless,  
who does what is righteous,  
who speaks the truth from their heart;  
whose tongue utters no slander,  
who does no wrong to a neighbor,  
and casts no slur on others;  
who despises a vile person  
but honors those who fear the Lord;  
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,  
and does not change their mind;  
who lends money to the poor without interest;  
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.  
Whoever does these things  
will never be shaken.

### Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

### \*Call to Worship

Vanessa Bischoff

Leader: We meet in the name of God:

**People: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The first and the last.**

Leader: By your power, let us remain true to your name.

**People: By your strength, let our faith hold fast.**

Leader: By your truth, keep us from false teachings.

**People: By your love, let us live in the world, but not be of it. Amen.**

### \*Hymn of Praise

#164 “Lord, Who May Dwell Within Your House”

Words: Christopher L. Webber; Music: Este's *Psalmes*

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

### \*Gloria Patri

#579 “Glory Be to the Father”

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

# MINISTRY OF THE WORD

## Old Testament Reading

Psalm 15 (p. 549)

Vanessa Bischoff

## Meditation

“Vier Ernste Gesänge” (“Four Serious Songs”) op. 121 No. 2

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897); Text: Ecclesiastes 4:1-3

Randal Turner, Baritone; Gordon Schultz, Piano

--So I returned, and considered  
all the oppressions that are done under the  
sun:  
and behold, the tears of such  
as were oppressed, and they had no  
comforter;  
and on the side of their oppressors there  
was power;  
but they had no comforter.

--Wherefore I praised the dead  
which are already dead  
more than the living  
which are yet alive.  
--Yea, better is he than both they, which  
hath not yet been,  
who hath not seen the evil work  
that is done under the sun.”

--*Ecclesiastes 4:1-3*

## New Testament Reading

Revelations 2:12-17 (p. 1234)

## Sermon

“Being the Church: The Example of ICC Pergamum”

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

#293 “This Is My Father’s World”

Words: Maltbie Davenport Babcock; Music: Franklin L. Sheppard

## Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Jean-Claude Gottraux,  
Council Chairperson

### Offertory

“Vier Ernste Gesänge” (“Four Serious Songs”) op. 121 No. 4  
Johannes Brahms; Text: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 12-13  
Randal Turner, Baritone; Gordon Schultz, Piano

“Though I speak with the tongues of men  
and of angels,  
and have not charity,  
I am become as sounding brass,  
or a tinkling cymbal.  
--And though I have the gift of prophecy,  
and understand all mysteries,  
and all knowledge;  
and though I have all faith,  
so that I could remove mountains,  
and have not charity,  
I am nothing.  
--And though I bestow all my goods to feed  
the poor,  
and though I give my body to be burned,  
and have not charity,  
it profiteth me nothing.”

“--For now we see through a glass,  
darkly;  
but then face to face:  
now I know in part;  
but then shall I know  
even as also I am known.

--And now abideth faith, hope, charity,  
these three;  
but the greatest of these is charity.”

--1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 12-13

### \*Doxology

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

## GOING WITH GOD’S MISSION AND BLESSING

### Welcoming of Guests

Jean-Claude Gottraux

### Announcements

### Passing of the Peace

### \*Hymn of Dedication

#438 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”  
Words: John Fawcett; Music: Johann Georg Nægeli, arr. Lowell Mason

### \*Commissioning and Pastoral Benediction

Rev. Mark van Stee

### Postlude

Fugue in F Major BWV 540  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)  
Ruth Pfister, Organ

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

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