

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



August 6, 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 G Major BWV 541

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

### **Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 33:12-15

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people he chose for his inheritance.

From heaven the Lord looks down  
and sees all mankind;  
from his dwelling place he watches  
all who live on earth—

he who forms the hearts of all,  
who considers everything they do.

### **Welcome and Commissioning Prayer**

Rev. Mark van Stee

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

Jonah Bagajo

Leader: Loving God, we come before you in worship today.

**People: Once we were not a people. But in your love you have made us the people of God.**

Leader: Once we were empty, but now you have made us temples for your presence.

**People: You have made us a royal priesthood, a holy nation, your special possession.**

Leader: Let us never tire of declaring your praises, loving God.

**People: Let us stand in awe of you forever, O God of light.**

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

#476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

Words: Robert Grant; Music: Attr. Johann Michael Haydn

## Examination

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: You have searched me, Lord,  
and you know me.  
You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.  
You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.  
Before a word is on my tongue  
you, Lord, know it completely.  
You hem me in behind and before,  
and you lay your hand upon me.

**People: Search me, God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.**

**See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Leader: Please join me in silent confession.

## Prayer of Confession

**People: Almighty Father; we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We are sorry for the sins we have done against you. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord, have mercy and forgive us through Christ. Amen**

## \*Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his lovingkindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

## \*Gloria Patri

#579 "Glory Be to the Father"

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

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### Children's Message

Lydia Meister

### First Reading

Jeremiah 13:1-11 (p. 772)

Jonah Bagajo

### Meditation

"Simple Gifts"

Shaker tune, attr. Joseph Brackett, Jr. (1848)

Chandler Cudlipp, Tenor; Ruth Pfister, Organ

## **Second Reading**

1 Peter 2:4-10 (p. 1218)

## **Sermon**

“A People of the Cloth”

Rev. Mark van Stee

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

### **\*Hymn of Response**

#416 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Words: 7<sup>th</sup> century, Latin; Trans. John Mason Neale; Music: Henry Purcell, adapt.

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

Marco Schnitter, Elder for  
Communication and Membership Involvement

### **Offertory**

“Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier” – “Dearest Jesus, we are here” I and II BWV 633 and 634  
from “Orgelbüchlein”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Ruth Pfister, Organ

### **\*Doxology**

#592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

### **Prayers of the People**

Marco Schnitter

**The Lord’s Prayer** (p. 16, traditional)

## **GOING WITH GOD’S MISSION AND BLESSING**

### **Welcoming of Guests**

Marco Schnitter

### **Announcements**

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

Insert “Behold Our God”

Words and music: Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird and Stephen Altrogge

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

Rev. Mark van Stee

### **Postlude**

Prelude and Ciacona in C Major BuxWV 137

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)

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.***