

Welcome to the International Protestant Church of Zurich!



January 8, 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

Allegro moderato from Triosonata Nr. 1 in E flat Major BWV 525

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 36:5-7

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,

your faithfulness to the skies.

Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,

your justice like the great deep.

You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Welcome and Commissioning Prayer

Rev. Dennis Wright

***Call to Worship**

Praveen Richard

Leader: O Lord, as Abel did before us, let us bring to you acceptable offerings,

People: Let us give you the best that we have.

Leader: As you looked upon Abel with favor,

People: Let our lives be pleasing to you.

Leader: O Lord, let our prayers rise up before you like incense.

People: Let our lifted hands be like an evening sacrifice.

***Hymn of Praise**

#293 "This Is My Father's World"

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

Examination

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Search our hearts, God, and reveal to us any wrongdoing. Show us where we have lived for ourselves, and not for you. Reveal to us how we have hurt you, others, and ourselves. Make clear our motivations and desires, and mold and form us more into your image. Please join me in silent confession.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy and merciful Father, we confess in your presence our sins.

People: We are so often quick to do evil, and slow to do good. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Leader: Have mercy on us, Lord.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: "Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. (Psalm 32:1)" Believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven! All thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri**

#579 "Glory Be to the Father"

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 2:4-14 (p. 4)

Praveen Richard

Meditation

Special Music

Randal Turner, Baritone; Ruth Pfister, Piano/Organ

Second Reading

Genesis 2:15-25 (pp. 4-5)

Sermon

"Adam and Eve created in God's image and for his purpose"
Foundations Series #1

Rev. Dennis Wright

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response**

#397 "O for a Closer Walk with God"

Text: William Cowper; Music: Arthur Cottman

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Dorli Scherer

Offertory

Special Music

Randal Turner, Baritone; Ruth Pfister, Piano/Organ

***Doxology**

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

Text: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

Prayers of the People

Dorli Scherer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who have trespassed against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Dorli Scherer

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Laëtitia Pezzucchi

iCafé

***Hymn of Dedication**

#263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith; Music: Welsh folk melody

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Rev. Dennis Wright

Postlude

Fantasy in G Major BWV 572

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.**