



# THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

16 AUGUST 2020

WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF WORSHIP

### [Announcements](#)

### [Prelude](#)

Fantasia in C minor

J.S. Bach

### [Call to Worship](#) (Psalm 67)

Jodi Fondell

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,  
**that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**  
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.  
**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

### [Hymn](#)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

tune: ST. DENIO

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all life thou givest—to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish—but nought changeth thee.*

*Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render: O help us to see  
’Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

### [Confession of Sin](#)

**Restoring and reconciling God, we have sinned and strayed from your ways consciously and unconsciously. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have moved against your way of love. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. In the power of your Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us and show us your face. Show us your love that leads us into repentance.**  
Hear us as we approach you with our silent confession. *(A time of silent confession)*  
We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

**“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”**

Friends, hear and believe the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made righteous. Amen!**

[Gloria Patri](#)

[Welcome](#)

Odette Lockwood-Stewart

[Lighting the Candle for God's Global Vision of Compassion, Justice and Peace](#)

Prayer for Illumination

Jodi Fondell

[Musical Offering](#)

Cantique

*Nadia Boulanger*

*To every soul that weeps, to every sin inflicted,  
I extend in the stars my hands full of grace.*

Caroline Drury, *soloist* Fred Gramann, *accompanist*

[The First Lesson – Matthew 15:10-20](#)

Rose Marie Burke

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

[Musical Offering](#)

Be Thou My Vision

*Traditional*

Alexia Rabé, *piano* Josiah Woodson, *flute*  
Jeff Hohener, *videography* Josiah Woodson, *production*

[The Second Lesson - Genesis 45:1-15](#)

Felicia Henderson

This is the Word of the Lord.

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[Sermon](#)

Face

Victor Greene

[Musical Offering](#)

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

*Charles Hutchinson Gabriel, Civilla Durfee Martin*

Konstantin Nicolaeve, *vocals* Alexia Rabé, *piano* John Arndt, *production*

[Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer \(in your mother tongue\)](#)

Doug Fondell

[The Offering of Tithes and Gifts](#)

[Offertory Music](#)

Recit: And God said, Let the earth

*Josef Haydn*

And God said: Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb-yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself upon the earth; and it was so.

Air: With verdure clad

With verdure clad the fields appear delightful to the ravished sense; by flowers sweet and gay enhanced is the charming sight. Here vent their fumes the fragrant herbs; here shoots the healing plant. By loads of fruit the expanded boughs are pressed; to shady vaults are bent the tufty groves; the mountain's brow is crowned with closed wood.

Caroline Drury, *soloist* Fred Gramann, *accompanist*

[Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings](#)

Doug Fondell

[Hymn](#)

Joseph Was His Father's Favorite

*tune: BEACH SPRING ("Come, thou fount of every blessing")*

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*Joseph was his father's favorite out of all his family there,  
And his brothers did not like it when he got his coat to wear.  
It was different from the others — brighter, bolder than the rest.  
So he bragged to all his brothers that his father loved him best.*

*Joseph's nights were filled with dreaming; in his mind, he'd always win.  
Soon his brothers started scheming so they could get rid of him.*

*In a pit they took and threw him, then they sold him. Who could save?  
To a land where no one knew him, he was taken as a slave.*

*Bought in Egypt, Joseph labored for a man named Potiphar.  
In that house he soon was favored — once again, a rising star.  
What went wrong? That star was falling — falsely charged and locked up tight.  
In his dreams, he heard a calling in the middle of the night.*

*Joseph, dreamer, there in prison saw a famine on the way.  
So his wondrous gift of vision set him free and saved the day.  
When his brothers came in hunger, begging, "Help us! Give us food,"  
Joseph told them, "Weep no longer! God intended this for good."*

*Soon the family reunited; so began new, joyful days.  
And through Joseph, we're reminded God can work in wondrous ways.  
God, we trust in you to guide us when we cannot see your plans.  
Always, always you're beside us; all of life is in your hands.*

[Benediction](#)

Victor Greene

[Congregational Amen](#)

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## 2020 Giving through July



Goal represents congregational giving goal (not including AFCU) for full year. Visit [acparis.org/support-us](http://acparis.org/support-us) for information on how to give!

# Please Give!



**Electronic Giving is easy and efficient for ACP!** We now have several ways to give electronically – by bank transfer/virement or online bank card giving to the ACP or through the AFCU for those who want a US tax deduction. We still accept checks as well. More is explained on the ACP website at “Support Us.”

**Bank transfer or virement in Euros** – You can set up a one-time or periodic automatic bank transfer from your European bank directly to the ACP bank account. This is one of the most seamless methods of giving as your donation goes directly to the ACP bank account with no processing fees or commissions. How? Easy – read the Simplify Your Stewardship document on ACP’s webpage at [acparis.org](http://acparis.org). Once you have set up your virement, please send an email to [acctg@acparis.org](mailto:acctg@acparis.org), as we want to ensure we have your contact details on file to facilitate sending you an annual French tax receipt.

**By Bank Card in France** – Go to our website and click on the button – it’s easy! Have your card information ready.

**Giving through the AFCU** – It is easy for US taxpayers to send your financial support for the ACP through the AFCU. To make a payment for the ACP using PayPal or credit card, visit the AFCU website at [afcubridge.org/support-the-afcu](http://afcubridge.org/support-the-afcu). Please be sure to specify that your gift is designated “for ACP” in the instructions field. This documentation is required to ensure that your donation is designated for the American Church in Paris as the AFCU supports other international churches.

## **ACP Is a French Not For Profit Organization**

Giving by cash, direct bank transfer, electronically or check may be eligible for tax deduction if you are a French tax resident. We invite you to ask us if you require more information: [acctg@acparis.org](mailto:acctg@acparis.org).

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10*

# Thank you!

# The American Church in Paris

## Re-gathered and also virtual

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the **American Church in Paris** has been dedicated to remaining a vibrant community and to providing online resources for worship, learning, spiritual formation, and holistic health. Now, in this “post-confinement” period, we are taking steps to re-open the church buildings for worship, schools and other community groups in a way that is safe, sustainable, and fair for all.

Please continue to check our website for the latest news. We have begun re-gathering for **Worship in the Sanctuary** on Sundays at 11h. Capacity is limited and seating is reserved because of Covid-19 protocols. To register, please visit [acparis.org/register](http://acparis.org/register). These services are different from those before the pandemic, but we hope are still honoring God and inspiring to our congregation and our extended community. We will continue the **Virtual Worship Services** on [acparis.org](http://acparis.org) for the foreseeable future.

We are very much alive and have even seen growth through this time of physical distancing and sheltering at home. Whether you are one of the thousands of viewers from over 70 different countries who join us for online worship, or new to Paris and seeking a church family, we hope you will be patient until we can meet without restrictions again!

In the meantime, we continue to pursue our mission "**to bear witness in word and deed to the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ.**" God's grace and peace be with you!

## Announcements

**In need of prayer?** During this difficult season of social distancing our attempts to reduce the spread of the coronavirus bring stressors, worries, and fears that we may be struggling to manage. If you would like members of the lay care ministry team, members of the prayer chain, and the pastoral team to uphold you in prayer during your time of struggle please contact us at [prayerrequests@acparis.org](mailto:prayerrequests@acparis.org) and let us know of your concern. Our lay care ministry team, those on the prayer chain, and the pastoral team will uphold you in prayer.

**Sanctuary Worship Volunteers Needed - Ushers and Live-streaming:** ACP is committed to moving forward with in-sanctuary worship services as Covid-19 protocols allow, and also providing a quality online experience for those not able to return to church for live worship. But in order to accomplish these two things, we need people to usher and work with livestreaming.

**Ushering:** Volunteers are needed for each service to welcome and seat worshipers in a safe and efficient manner. Training is available and the commitment is for about 2.5 hours on a Sunday. If we have a large enough team, ushers will need to serve only once a month.

**Live-streaming:** Volunteers will be trained to use the cameras and software systems that ACP is putting into place. We need two people for each worship service and would hope to build a team of 6-10 people for each service. You don't have to be technically inclined as we will train you, but if you have an interest in video and sound, please offer your services.

Please prayerfully consider how you could help out as we continue to adjust to worshiping in new and different ways. ACP's sanctuary worship services depend on volunteers. Interested? Please email [connections@acparis.org](mailto:connections@acparis.org).

## Youth and Young Adults program - Fall 2020-2021

*Out There: Together in One Place*

For more information contact Pastor Victor Greene at [youthpastor@acparis.org](mailto:youthpastor@acparis.org).

**Women's Monthly Bible Study: Women of the Old Testament** - Our goal is to prayerfully discuss what God has for us to learn from their stories and how to apply those lessons to our lives. We will meet one Sunday a month, 12h15-13h15, room F2 (first floor). The 2020 dates are as follows: 4 October, 15 November, and 6 December. *Note:* we are hoping to meet in person; however, if necessary due to the coronavirus, these meetings will be held on Zoom. All women welcome! Free childcare provided. The nursery will be open and these meetings have been scheduled to overlap with the kids' Bible study (ages 7-12). More information at [acparis.org](http://acparis.org).

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## Ministers of the American Church in Paris

### Ministers

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### The Entire Congregation

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