



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

22 May 2022, 11h00

Welcome, we are so happy you are here!

At ACP, we are called by God to love and welcome people of all socio-economic backgrounds, ethnicities, races, nationalities, gender identities, and sexual orientations.

Although we are slowly removing Covid restrictions, we ask that you continue to wear your mask during our worship services. Creation Care is important to us, so please take or recycle your bulletin at the end of the service.

Corporate words are in **bold**. You are invited to rise when you see this symbol

We Gather

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision* arr. *Josiah Woodson*
Lisa Prevett, *flute* Josiah Woodson, *piano*

Spirit of the Living God *A. Assad, H. H. Tweeny, arr. Dan Galbraith*
Josiah Woodson, *piano* Aurore Daniel, *cello* Lisa Prevett, *flute*
Natalie McConnell Raynal, *vocals*

Welcome, Greeting Paul Rock
The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

 Call to Worship (based on Psalm 133) Reggie Williams
How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!
It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.
It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

 Hymn *It is Good, Yes, It is Pleasant* *tune: PICARDY*
Text, harmonization and descant © 2022 *Fred Gramann*

***It is good, yes, it is pleasant
When we live in unity,
Blending cultures and traditions
Into one fraternity.
We are called to bring dissimilarities,
Each designed to glorify God.***

***Is there neither Jew nor Greek?
Is there neither bond nor free?
Whether one is male or female,
Aren't we one in Christ the King?
We are called to bring dissimilarities,
Each designed to glorify God.***

***May God grant us great endurance,
May we live in harmony,
For together we are better
Than alone could ever be.
We are called to bring dissimilarities,
Each designed to glorify God.***

 Prayer of Common Confession

Loving God, you have called us into communion as your children. You have called us to be family to one another. Lord, we confess that we struggle. We confess that so often we claim kinship, while failing to take responsibility for those who we would call our kin. By pride and silence, we fail to let those we would claim as kin care for us. Give us the patience and wisdom to listen. Give us the courage to be vulnerable. Give us the strength to resist the need for uniformity, as we pursue unity in your Holy Spirit. Amen.

 Words of Assurance

Friends, rejoice: God has broken our chains and brought us from death into life, not because of what we have done, but because of who she is. **And so in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made righteous. Amen.**

 Gloria Patri, No. 579

Children's Blessing

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Children may come forward for a pastoral blessing and then go to their worship space.

 Passing of the Peace *(please be seated after passing the peace for the musical response)*

Musical Response

All Creatures of Our God and King

Hymn No. 455, arr. Josiah Woodson

Sermon Series: Different Together

Pursuing unity in Christ in the midst of diversity - and all its benefits and challenges! This series will take us through Pentecost and help us untangle what it means to speak different languages, but through the Spirit, learn to truly appreciate each other and love God more fully.

Sharing Artistic Expressions of the Holy Paul Rock
*Congregants who produced art for Different Together are invited to
bring their pieces to the Chancel at this time.*

Scripture Reading Mark 5:1-20 Walter Dickerson
(page 816 in the pew Bibles)

Sermon Home Allison Wheeler

We Respond and Are Sent into the World

Prayers of the People Elizabeth Murray
We bring our struggles, celebrations, and gifts to God.

The Lord's Prayer *(in your mother tongue)*

**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 trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem Sing Unto God Gordon Young
Adult Choir Laurana Mitchelmore, piano

 Doxology Soprano descant © 2022 Fred Gramann

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
In heav'n above and earth below!
One God, three persons, we adore;
To God be praise forevermore!***

 Prayer of Dedication in Yoruba Yetunde Usino

 Sending Hymn No. 341 Blessed Assurance
by Fanny Crosby, Phoebe Knapp, arr. Josiah Woodson

 Blessing Allison Wheeler

Please remain seated if you are planning on staying for the congregational meeting. If you are members and cannot stay, please submit your electronic proxy before you leave at acparis.org/proxy. Children and Youth may stay in G7 on the basement level for a film and snacks.

Congregational Meeting

Benediction

Paul Rock

For announcements and upcoming events, please view at acparis.org/announcements (scan the QR code here) or on ACP's mobile app, available at acparis.org/get-the-app.



For more information on all the offerings for children, youth, adults, and mission and service opportunities, see acparis.org.

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