



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

24 July 2022, 11h00

Welcome, we are so happy you are here!

ACP is a community of all socio-economic backgrounds, ethnicities, races, nationalities, gender identities, and sexual orientations. Mask wearing is no longer obligatory, but if you would like one, please ask an usher. Creation Care is important to us, so please take or recycle your bulletin after the service.

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

We Gather

Prelude

Cantilena
Fred Gramann, *organ*

Joseph Rheinberger

Welcome, Greeting

Elizabeth Murray

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

 Call to Worship

Reggie Williams

Let your light shine!

Let your hearts be glad!

God is faithful to us, and God rules in love.

Then let us worship God.

 Hymn No. 489 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty *tune: UNSER HERRSCHER*

 Prayer of Common Confession

O Holy God, we know we have fallen short.

We turn our backs when we could embrace.

We remain silent when we could speak.

We speak when we could listen.

We close the door when we could fling it wide open.

We judge when we could seek understanding.

We cling when we could give.

Forgive us, O God, for being so very human at times, and help us to continue to grow into the people you created us to be, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

 Words of Assurance

Friends, hear the Good News: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, amen.

 Gloria Patri, No. 579

Children's Moment

Allison Wheeler

 Passing of the Peace

Music

O God, Have Mercy
Frédéric Goncalves, *soloist*

Felix Mendelssohn

Sermon Series: Wrestling with Questions of Life and Faith

Sermon God said it, I believe it, that settles it? Elizabeth Murray
(John 1:1-14, page 862 in the pew Bibles)

We Respond and Are Sent into the World

Prayers of the People

Dan Michalek

We bring our struggles, celebrations, and selves 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

Moment of Recognition

Call for Offering

Dan Michalek

Offertory Music

Lord, We Pray Thee
Frédéric Goncalves, *soloist*

W.A. Mozart

 Doxology

***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

Dan Michalek

⊗ Hymn No. 443 O Christ, the Great Foundation

tune: AURELIA

⊗ Benediction

Elizabeth Murray

⊗ Congregational Amen, No. 586

Postlude

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