



# THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

28 JUNE 2020

### WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF WORSHIP

#### Announcements

#### Prelude

Adagio in Db Major  
Carol Mundinger, *clarinet* Fred Gramann, *accompanist*

*Richard Wagner*

#### Ringing of the Bells

Carillon on "Come thou fount of every blessing"  
Anne Turnacliff and Fred Gramann, *handbell duo*

arr. *Danny Lyons*

#### Greeting for Worship

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Jodi Fondell

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 89, selected)

We will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD,  
**We will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**  
We declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
**your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**  
You have made a covenant with us.  
**You will establish your descendants forever.**  
Happy are the people who shout for joy,  
**who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;**  
We exult in your name all day long and celebrate your righteousness.  
**For you are our strength and our shield.**  
We will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD,  
**We will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

#### Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*tune: FAITHFULNESS*

***Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee,  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.***

*(Refrain) Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

***Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above;  
Join with all nature in manifold witness,  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)***

***Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. (Refrain)***

## [Call to Confession](#)

The Good News is that we are “not under law but under grace,” so we come to God with complete confidence that we are already loved and forgiven. So, let us confess openly our sin first with the unison prayer, and then in a time of silence, trusting in God’s grace toward us in Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Gracious God, we confess that we are broken by the weight of sin in our lives and the destructive systems of sin in our world. Amidst the ambiguities and perplexities of life, we have been complicit and turned from obedience to the way of Jesus and have been distracted by the noise and glittering images of this world. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to turn to you, to hear your Word of grace and love, and become obedient from the heart.**

*(Silent Prayer of Confession)*

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we pray.

**Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace

This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted, that Christ died for sinners. He personally bore our sins on the cross so that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good and true! So, friends, hear and believe the good news:

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

## [Gloria Patri](#)

## [Welcome](#)

Scott Herr

## [Blessing of the Children](#)

Allison Wheeler

## [Musical Offering](#)

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

setting by *Fred Gramann*

*These 18<sup>th</sup> century anonymous lyrics are likely an allusion to the apple tree in Song of Solomon 2:3 which has been interpreted as a metaphor representing Jesus, and to his description of his life as a tree of life in Luke 13:18–19 and elsewhere in the New Testament, including Revelation 22:1–2 and within the Old Testament in Genesis.*

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

Prayer for Illumination

Grant Mongin

## [The First Lesson](#) – Genesis 22:1-14

Paula Taquet-Woolfolk

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## [Anthem](#)

Way Maker

*Sinach*

Kym Stewart: *vocals*, Alexia Rabé: *piano, vocals*, Josiah Woodson: *bass*,  
*backing vocals*: George, Alex Duignan, Natalie Raynal,  
Devon Graves, Konstantin Nicolaeve

## [The Second Lesson](#) – Romans 6:12-23

Natalie Raynal

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**Thanks be to God.**

## [Sermon](#)

Obedient from the Heart

Scott Herr

## [Hymn](#)

Obedience from the Heart

*tune*: DENNIS (“Blest be the tie that binds”)

***Obedience from the heart,  
The Lord of love approves,  
And when we thus from sin depart,  
God all our guilt removes.***

***Obedience from the heart  
Alone fulfills the Word,  
And to our act of faith imparts  
The Spirit of our Lord.***

***Obedience from the heart,  
Begotten from above,  
Will peace and unity impart,  
Perfecting us in love.***

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

Doug Fondell

[The Offering of Tithes and Gifts](#)

[Offertory Solo](#)

Lord God of Abraham (from "Elijah")

Felix Mendelssohn

*Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel; this day let it be known that Thou art God,  
And I am Thy servant! Lord God of Abraham!  
Oh show to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word!  
Oh hear me, Lord, and answer me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,  
Oh hear me and answer me, and show this people that Thou art Lord God.  
And let their hearts again be turned!*

Frédéric Goncalves, soloist Fred Gramann, accompanist

[Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings](#)

Victor Greene

[Musical Blessing](#)

The Blessing

Kari Jobe, Cody Carnes, S. Furtick, Chris Brown

Alexia Rabé: piano, vocals, Natalie Raynal, backing vocals, Florence Hennequin, cello

[Benediction](#)

Scott Herr

[Congregational Amen](#)

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## Announcements

**Sanctuary Worship Registration:** You will be able to sign up for "Worship in the Sanctuary" each week via a web link on [acparis.org](http://acparis.org), appearing Mondays at 12h00. There is space for 100 participants each week. We look forward to having you with us again!

**Virtual Thurber Lecture Event: 9 July.** Visit [acparis.org](http://acparis.org) to see details needed to "attend" the virtual event that will be focusing on the film ***Just Mercy***. Pastors Doug and Jodi will be hosting a forum discussion on many of the themes that emerge from the film.

**Pastor Scott's last worship service at ACP: 19 July at 11h00.** Plans for a farewell are in the works. Please stay tuned as additional details will be forthcoming by email to the congregation and at [acparis.org](http://acparis.org). If you are not receiving our emails and would like to, please contact [eblast@acparis.org](mailto:eblast@acparis.org).



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