



# THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

5 JULY 2020

WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF WORSHIP

### Announcements

### Prelude

Come Unto Him

G.F. Handel

*Come unto him, all ye that labor; come unto him that are heavy laden, and he will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him, for he is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (Matthew 11: 28-29)*

Jennifer Young, *soloist* Fred Gramann, *organ*

### Greeting for Worship

Doug Fondell

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

**And also with you.**

### Call to Worship

Welcome this day to a time of rest.

**We come, bearing burdens and cares.**

Place your lives in the loving hands of God

**May God heal our spirits and strengthen us.**

Trust in God who is always with you.

**Lord, this day we come to you in faith and trust for your healing mercies.**

### Hymn

Hear the Blessed Savior

*tune: MERRIAL ("Now the day is over")*

***Hear the blessed Savior calling the oppressed:  
"Oh, ye heavy-laden, come to me and rest."***

***Come, no longer tarry, I your load will bear,  
Bring me every burden, bring me every care.***

***Come now unto me, I will give you rest;  
Take my yoke upon you, hear me and be blest;***

***I am meek and lowly, come and trust my might;  
Come, my yoke is easy, and my burden's light.***

### Call to Confession

Friends, Jesus welcomes all who are tired and heavy laden to lay down their worries at his feet. So, let us confess to God and one another our sins and burdens, and find the freedom Christ promises.

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of compassion and understanding, we come before you today acutely aware of the ways in which our lives do not reflect your glory. We are caught up in our own situations and fail to consider what others face. We are easily distracted by daily news and the uncertainty around us, we forget to come to you in prayer and offer that uncertainty to you. Forgive us for the ways we carry our burdens instead of allowing you to help us. Forgive us for thinking mainly of ourselves when there is so much in our church, city, nation and world to be concerned about. Forgive us for failing to understand what it means to entrust our lives to you, confident that you will indeed meet us in our fears and uncertainties. Now hear our silent prayers as we bring our personal confessions before you this day. All of this is offered in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace

We are invited to come to the Lord. There is healing and rest in the Lord. He meets us where we are and promises redemption and new life.

So, friends, hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven and made righteous. **Amen.**

## [Gloria Patri](#)

## [Welcome](#)

Scott Herr

## [Minute for Stewardship](#)

Don Farnan

## [Blessing of the Children](#)

Allison Wheeler

## [Musical Offering](#)

I Danced in the Morning  
Vivienne, Margaux and Stacey Debré

*American Shaker melody*

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

## Prayer for Illumination

Victor Greene

## [The First Lesson](#) – Psalm 145:8-14

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Kate Snipes

## [Musical Offering](#)

Keep the Hope      *George Makshigian and John Arndt*  
John Arndt: piano, Josiah Woodson: flute, George Makshigian: lead vocal,  
Devon Graves, Konstantin Nicolaev, Natalie Raynal: backing vocals,  
Jeff Hohener: filming, sound recording: John Arndt

## [The Second Lesson](#) – Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Rose Marie Burke

## [Sermon](#)

The Easy Yoke

Jodi Fondell

## [Musical Offering](#)

Give Me Jesus      Spiritual, *arr. Devon Graves*  
*You can have all this world, but give me Jesus...*  
Devon Graves: lead vocal, piano, Natalie Raynal: backing, John Arndt: recording/filming

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

Scott Herr

## [The Offering of Tithes and Gifts](#)

## [Offertory Music](#)

Called Home to Heaven      tune: HOLY MANNA, arr. Fred Gramann

*The title of this piece is inspired by a line in the final verse of George Atkin's poem, "Brethren, we have met to worship", often paired with the hymn tune HOLY MANNA: "Then he'll call us home to heaven." The piece is rung in memory of the four ACP members who were called home to heaven during the period of confinement: Ed Creighton, Dominique Ghezo, Yushiko Okubo Miquel and Gloria Tolosa.*

The ACP Bronze Ringers

## [Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings](#)

Doug Fondell

## [Hymn](#)

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

tune: RESIGNATION

***My Shepherd will supply my need:  
Jehovah is His Name;  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed  
Beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back  
When I forsake His ways;***

***And leads me, for His mercy's sake  
In paths of truth and grace.***

***When I walk through the shades of death  
Thy presence is my stay;  
A word of Thy supporting breath  
Drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes  
Doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows.  
Thine oil anoints my head.***

***The sure provisions of my God  
Attend me all my days;  
O may Thy house be my abode  
And all my work be praise!  
There would I find a settled rest  
While others go and come;  
No more a stranger, nor a guest  
But like a child at home.***

[Benediction](#)

Jodi Fondell

[Congregational Amen](#)

[Organ Postlude](#)

Chorale Prelude on “Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten”

*J.S. Bach*

*If you but trust in God to guide you and place your confidence in him,  
you'll find him always there beside you to give you hope and strength within;  
for those who trust God's changeless love build on the rock that will not move.*

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## **Announcements**

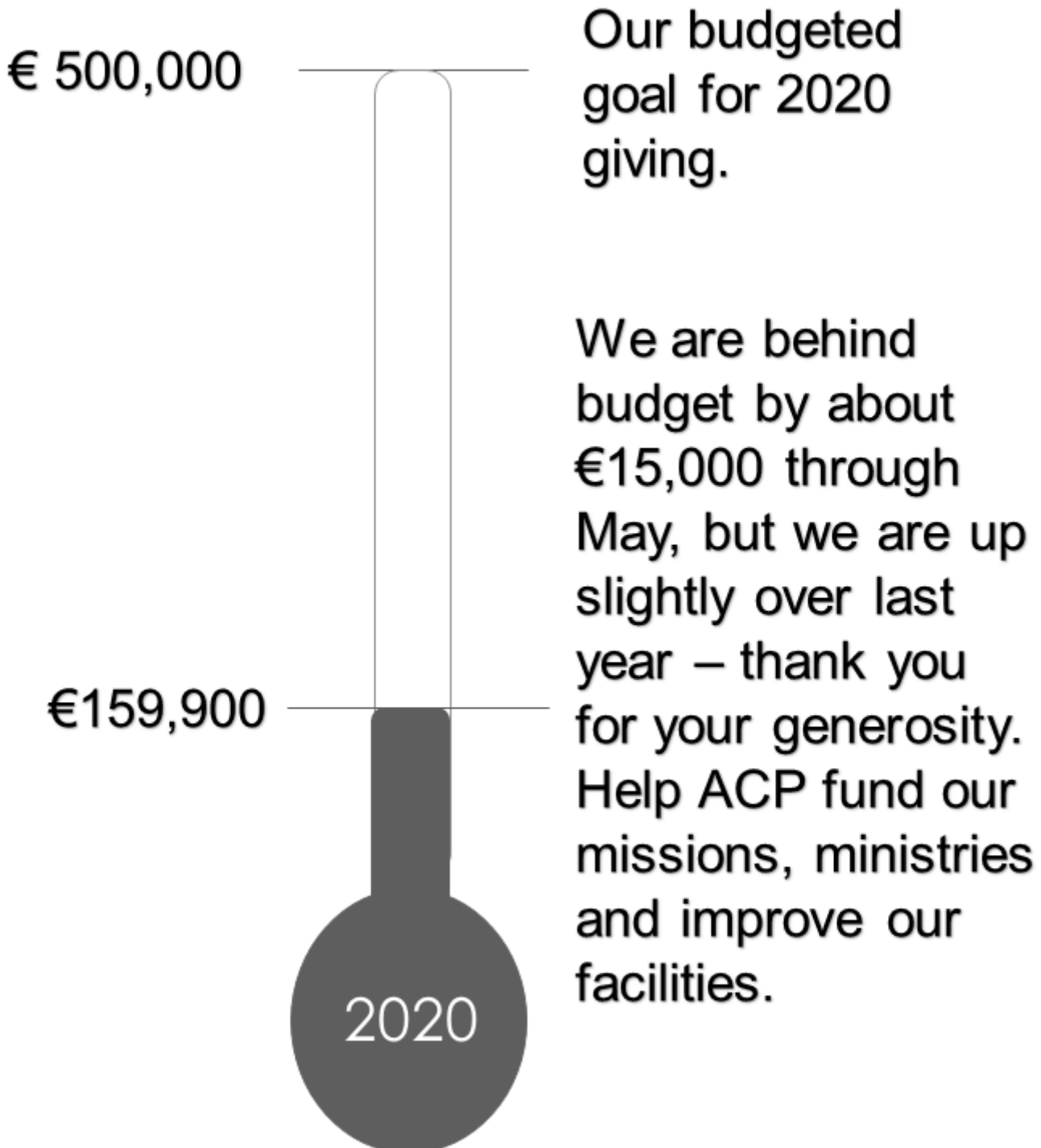
**Sanctuary Worship Registration:** You will be able to sign up for “Worship in the Sanctuary” each week via a web link on [acparis.org](http://acparis.org), appearing Mondays at 12h00. There is space for 130 participants each week. We look forward to having you with us again!

**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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# 2020 Congregational **GIVING**



Our budgeted goal for 2020 giving.

We are behind budget by about €15,000 through May, but we are up slightly over last year – thank you for your generosity. Help ACP fund our missions, ministries and improve our facilities.

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 too! 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. 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 via the link on the website here](#). 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.

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*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!



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