



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

6 June 2021, 11h00

Welcome to this service of Worship in the Sanctuary

For the health and safety of us all, we worship respecting Covid-19 pandemic protocols. We kindly invite you to keep your masks on throughout worship, and to refrain from greeting your neighbor using touch (hugs, handshakes, etc.).

Please speak prayers aloud as led by our pastors.

The offering plates will not be passed, but will be located at stations as you enter and exit the Sanctuary. Please make your offering to God with a generous heart here today or electronically at acparis.org/donate.

When leaving the sanctuary, please follow the guidance of ushers, and maintain safe physical distancing. Remember to take your bulletin with you when you leave or recycle it in the designated bin on your way out.

Thank you for joining us today!

We Gather

Prelude Prelude on “Es ist das Heil uns kommen her” *Anonymous*

*Salvation unto us has come by God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom, they help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, who did for all the world atone,
He is our mediator.*

Fred Gramann, *organist*

Agnus Dei

Georges Bizet

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

Frédéric Goncalves, *soloist* Fred Gramann, *piano*

Welcome and Greeting

Odette Lockwood-Stewart

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

And also with you.

Introit

I will lift mine eyes

Antonin Dvořák

Jennifer Young, *soloist* Fred Gramann, *piano*

‡ Call to Worship

Come and see what is written about our Lord.

The Love of God is with us on the way to Jericho.

Come and see the great care of our Lord.

The Love of God is with us and in our neighbor.

Come and see what is written by our Lord.

The Love of God is with us and shows us mercy.

‡ Tolling Bells Call to Confession

‡ Prayer of Common Confession

Jodi Fondell

God our neighbor, we admit, at times, we spend more time justifying ourselves before you than loving our neighbors the ways we love ourselves. We confess that walking by our neighbor in need is how we fall short in loving you with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our strength. Today, we repent of our sins. We ask for new imagination to see your face in our neighbors.

‡ Silent Prayers of Confession

In Jesus' Name, we pray. **Amen.**

‡ Words of Assurance

Though the road be long and with many pitfalls and snares, the love of God is always there to pick us up and make us right. God who journeys with us and whose mercies are new every morning declares to us today: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made righteous.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made righteous.

Thanks be to God.

‡ Passing of the Peace

Organ Interlude Prelude on "Blessed Jesus, we are here" *J.G. Walther*

Candle for God's Global Vision of Compassion, Justice and Peace

Kate Snipes

Music *Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door* arr. *Moses Hogan*
John Bernard, *soloist* Fred Gramann, *piano*

We Hear the Word

The First Lesson – Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Daniel Grout

...and the LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your

ancestors, when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music

Rejoice!

Fred Gramann

The ACP Bronze Ringers

The Second Lesson – Luke 10:25-37

Chinwe Akujuobi

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The American Church in Paris Online Community

Welcome to worship! We are so glad that you are here! During the Covid-19 pandemic, the **American Church in Paris** remains a vibrant community with online resources for worship, learning, spiritual formation, and Christian discipleship. In addition to in-person worship in our sanctuary, ACP posts **livestreamed worship, Children's Worship and weekly Devotions** from our Contemporary Worship Team at acparis.org. Please continue to check our website for the latest news and to participate in new opportunities every week. Our mission is **“to bear witness in word and deed to the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ.”**

Announcements

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God, by The Reverend Dr. Paul Rock and his wife Stacey Perkins Rock.

Pastor Paul writes:

I am humbled and thrilled to be invited to serve with you. Stacey and I are both eager to be a part of your amazing community. Thank you for affirming our sense of God's call to Paris. – Paul and Stacey

Thurber Conversations – Meet and Greet our new Sr. Pastor, Rev. Dr. Paul Rock: Thursday 10 June 19h-20h via Zoom. Register at acparis.org/paulrock.

Sunday Worship: Children's Worship Online is at acparis.org starting at 9h. Traditional Worship is in the Sanctuary at 11h, and is livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube (see acparis.org for links). We are building a volunteer tech team to run the livestream each week; contact secretary@acparis.org if you would like to join the team! Contemporary Worship is in the Sanctuary at 14h. Registration is required for both Worship in the Sanctuary services; see acparis.org Mondays at 12h to reserve your seats.

African Fellowship Online: Sundays 16h-17h via Zoom. The first Sunday of each month is the Fellowship (**today!**), and additional Sundays in the month will be Bible study. Please register for the Zoom details at acparis.org.

Called! A Spring Devotion. A devotion led by the contemporary worship team. In scripture, music and prayer, listen for how Jesus is calling you to play the role only you can play. Jesus is alive and has called us to join him! See acparis.org.

In need of prayer? 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, you may contact us at acparis.org/prayers.

Volunteer Editor for *The Spire*: ACP's thriving monthly magazine *The Spire* is looking for a volunteer editor-in-chief. Interested? Please contact communications@acparis.org.

ACP Weekly

Sundays via Zoom – Coffee Fellowship Online: Join this Sunday for fellowship time on Zoom at 12h15. *Note, we will no longer "view" the service together on zoom but invite you to join the live stream at 11h via YouTube or Facebook.* If you would like the Zoom link for Coffee Fellowship, please register at: acparis.org/worship-fellowship.

Silent Prayer Thursdays at ACP: Thursdays at 19h-20h via Zoom. Join us for prayer in silence. We will practice 25 minutes of praying together in stillness according to the method of Centering Prayer. This period is followed by the reading of a short sacred text according to the method of Lectio Divina. Afterwards, there will be an opportunity for sharing. Register at acparis.org for the Zoom link.

Children's Ministries

Children's Worship Online: Sundays online starting at 9h. Visit acparis.org for link or contact Allison Wheeler at childrensworship@acparis.org.

ACP Children's Music Ministry program 2021: The ACP children's choirs will continue via online choir rehearsals sent as private YouTube video links to watch, alternating with Zoom rehearsals. See acparis.org/childrensmusic for registration.

Vacation Bible School 2021: Monday-Thursday 23-26 August 9h-12h each day. Our theme is "Knights of the North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor," which "invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God." All children from ages 3-10 are welcome, and you can register here acparis.org/VBS2021.

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Youth: People Power. Sundays through 27 June at 15h30 via Zoom.

Young Adults: Mary's Playlist: Listen. Chat. Pray. Repeat. Featuring selected songs from the *Rolling Stone's* top 500 songs of all time playlist, YAYA gatherings will use the art / artists as interlocutors to help exegete the ways Mary's song (Luke 1:46-55) is imprinted on the Resurrected body of Jesus and on the world that is, the world we hope to be, and the world we hope to come. Join us! May 2021, online – and maybe, in person should COVID protocols change. For more information contact Pastor Victor Greene at youthpastor@acparis.org.

Adult Ministries

Wednesday Evening Adult Learning at ACP: Through 23 June, 19h30-21h00 via Zoom. Join us as we embark on a new learning journey focused on John's Letter of Hope to the Seven Churches of Revelation. For more information and to register for the Zoom link, please visit acparis.org.

ACP Women's Fellowship: 13 June 16h via Zoom. ACP member Teri Lee Valluy will discuss the book of Esther, specifically 14 lessons she's learned from Esther's story and how she's applied those to her life. Please register for the Zoom details at acparis.org.

Sunday Evening Adult Bible Study: Sundays 17h30-19h via Zoom. This Bible study on the Gospel of John is hosted by Patti Lafage and Nathaniel Akujuobi, via Zoom. All are welcome. To register and receive the Zoom link, please sign up at acparis.org.

Men's Morning Bible Study at ACP: Thursdays 7h30-8h30 via Zoom.
acparis.org/men-thursday.

Read all about it – inspiration, information, news, and events from ACP in the most recent edition of the Spire. Available on the app, or at acparis.org.

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



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The American Church's operating costs depend primarily on the generosity of its members and alumni around the world who have been touched by its ministry. If you wish your gift to be tax-deductible in the United States, you must make your check payable to our parent organization "The American and Foreign Christian Union" (AFCU) and put the words "for ACP Stewardship" on the memo line of your check. In France, your gift in Euros is deductible under the category "*réduction pour dons à des organismes d'intérêt général.*" The church issues year-end receipts of giving acceptable for French tax authorities. Contributions in either euros or US dollars are accepted by both the ACP and the AFCU. To find out more about how you can help secure the future of the ACP through bequests, charitable trusts, and other forms of planned giving, please speak to one of the pastors. If you would like to set up recurring electronic fund transfers to facilitate giving, please visit acparis.org to find out how.



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