



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

26 June 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. Mask wearing is no longer obligatory, but recommended as a courtesy to fellow congregants. If you didn't bring a mask and 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

Sara Barton, *organ*

Welcome, Greeting

Paul Rock

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

 Call to Worship

Kate Snipes

Friends, we are chosen. A royal priesthood, a holy nation,
a people of God's own possession.

**And so we sing of the wonderful acts of the one who called us
out of darkness into light.**

Once we weren't a people, but now we are all God's people.

**Once we hadn't received mercy, but now we have.
Let's worship together!**

 Hymn

There Is Room in God's Great Welcome

tune: HOLY MANNA (Hymn No. 268)

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There is room in God's great welcome;

See! The doors are open wide!

Here on earth as in God's heaven,

hear the call to come inside!

There is so much room for difference —

men and women, gay and straight.

In God's love, the rooms are countless,

but there is no room for hate.

*There is welcome in each nation
if we stand on justice-ground.
God has made a good creation;
colors, cultures all abound.
Welcome, sister! Welcome, brother!
All those yearning to breathe free!
There is room for one another
but no room for bigotry.*

*There is room in faithful churches
for the wounded and oppressed:
People who've been told they're worthless,
refugees who feel distressed,
Immigrants who fear the future,
people scorned and pushed and shoved.
God, may we seek what you treasure:
may we all make room for love.*

Prayer of Common Confession (adapted - Cole Arthur Riley)

God, even as we come together, we confess that we have become too used to the sounds of our own loneliness. With so much abandonment, we struggle to believe there are those who truly, honestly want to be with us; to know us, to share life with us. Please, Spirit, form me again—form us again—to be a people of mutual responsibility; allowing others to care for us as we participate in restoration and care for each other. (time of silent prayer)

 Words of Assurance

Friends, God does not desire us to be alone, but longs for us to be a community that can both hold lament and share deep laughter
We will belong to each other, knowing that our burdens, hopes and liberation are shared in our life in Christ. Amen

 Gloria Patri, No. 579

Children's Blessing

Allison Wheeler

 Passing of the Peace

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

Music

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Georges Bizet

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

Frédéric Goncalves, soloist Laurana Mitchemore, piano

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