



# THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

3 July 2022, 11h00

**Welcome, we are so happy you are here!**

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## We Gather

Prelude

Adagio

*Louis Spohr*

Carol Mundinger, *clarinet* Fred Gramann, *piano*

Welcome, Greeting

Paul Rock

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

**And also with you.**

 Call to Worship

Friends, the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

**And so we sing praises of your love and walk together in the ways that are blameless.**

Mighty Lord, lover of justice, you have established equity among us and taught us to love one another.

**Let us worship and commune together to honor God's steadfast love and faithfulness, and celebrate our mutual commitment to God and each other.**

 Hymn No. 327

O Word Of God Incarnate

*tune: MUNICH*

 Prayer of Common Confession

Elizabeth Murray

**God, as we gather today, we confess that we often loosen our bonds to you and each other in order to serve our own needs and enjoy our own freedom. We focus on material abundance and immediate happiness rather than joy from a deep connection to Jesus Christ and each other. May the Spirit of Christ call me back to the freedom you promised for us – freedom from fear, loneliness, disconnection, and self-absorption. May the Spirit call us back to serve the needs of our brothers and sisters who you taught us to love as ourselves. (time of silent prayer)**

⊗ Words of Assurance

Friends, God gave us freedom from our sins through Christ and taught us the meaning of community. All our debts are paid, except the continuing debt to love each other. (*Romans 13:8*)

**We will remember that freedom unleashes us to live joyfully and abundantly, and calls us to love one another as God loves us. Amen.**

⊗ Gloria Patri, No. 579

Children's Blessing

*Children may come forward for a pastoral blessing and then go back to their seats.*

⊗ Passing of the Peace

Music

Cantique

*Nadia Boulanger*

*Amongst the stars, I open my hands full of grace to every soul that weeps;  
to every sin that passes by.*

*Aviva Timonier, soloist Fred Gramann, piano*

**Sermon Series: Practicing Ubuntu - How to be Loving in Our Fiercely Divided World**

*Ubuntu = Zulu "I Am Because You/We Are."*

Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:13-23  
*(page 948 in the pew Bibles)*

Fran Michalek

Sermon

The Trouble with Freedom

Kate Snipes

**We Respond and Are Sent into the World**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Dan Michalek

The Invitation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Solo Adonai roi (Psalm 23)

*Gerald Cohen*

*Aviva Timonier, soloist Fred Gramann, organ*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

Call for Offering

Dan Michalek

Offertory Music

Meditation

*Antonín Dvořák*

Jonathan Bloom, *cello* Fred Gramann, *piano*

🌐 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

Elizabeth Murray

🌐 Hymn No. 505 Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

*tune: ST. FLAVIAN*

🌐 Benediction

Kate Snipes

🌐 Congregational Amen, No. 586

Postlude

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