



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

31 July 2022, 11h00

Welcome, we are so happy you are here!

ACP is a Christian community of all socio-economic backgrounds, ethnicities, races, nationalities, gender identities, and sexual orientations. Mask wearing is no longer obligatory, but if you 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 Adagio Joseph Rheinberger
Jonathan Bloom, *cello* Fred Gramann, *organ*

Welcome, Greeting Dan Michalek
The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

 Call to Worship Valentina Lana
ACP Council Human Resources Chair

Friends, worship the Lord with gladness and come into God's presence with singing.

For the Lord is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.
Let us worship God!

 Hymn You Call Us Lord *tune: LANCASHIRE ("The Day of Resurrection")*
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***You call us, Lord, to worship; the day is set aside.
Your love is overflowing; the doors are opened wide.
Yet as we see your goodness, we see what we have been.
And so we humbly ask you, "Forgive us of our sin!"***

***We are forgiven people; we know your love's embrace.
The peace of Christ is with us; forgiveness fills this place.
We hear your word in scripture, in sermon and in song.
Again, again, you tell us: we're loved and we belong.***

***We celebrate your love, Lord, with water, wine and bread.
For at your font we're welcomed and at your feast we're fed.
We pray the prayer you taught us; we sing your praise and then
Through daily, faithful living, we worship you again.***

Gracious God, you offer us a life in which you make all things new, but we settle for safety and predictability. We look the other way when faced with challenges that may be opportunities in disguise. Forgive our toying with trivialities, and call us again to the courageous life of authentic transformation. (silent time of prayer)
We pray this in Jesus' name, the one who calls us to discipleship. Amen.

⊗ Words of Assurance

To experience forgiveness is to open ourselves to hope-filled change. The invitation is yours. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

⊗ Gloria Patri, No. 579

Sacrament of Baptism

Jules Robot, son of Marc and Kim Robot

and Infant Dedication

Alessi Creekpaum, daughter of Kyden and LaShawnCreekpaum
Children may come forward to watch the baptism and dedication
and then go back to their seats.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from where he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy, universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

⊗ Passing of the Peace

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 133

Daniel Grout

(page 501 in the pew Bibles)

Music

Vouchsafe, O Lord

G.F. Handel

Vouchsafe O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us as our trust is on thee.

Frédéric Goncalves, *soloist* Jonathan Bloom, *cello*
Fred Gramann, *organ*

Sermon Series: Wrestling with Questions of Life and Faith

Sermon

The Surprising Life of a Christ Follower
1 John 1:1-4 (*page 989 in the pew Bibles*)

Dan Michalek

We Respond and Are Sent into the World

Prayers of the People

Paul Rock

We bring our struggles, celebrations, and selves to God.

The Lord's Prayer (*in your mother tongue*)

**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 the Offering

Offertory Solo

Notre Père
Frédéric Goncalves, *soloist*

Maurice Duruflé

 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

Paul Rock

 Hymn No. 485

To God Be the Glory

tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Congregational Amen, No. 586

Postlude

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