



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

8 May 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.

Although we are slowly removing Covid restrictions, we ask that you continue to wear your mask during our worship services. Creation Care is important to us, so please take or recycle your bulletin at the end of the service.

Corporate words are in **bold**. You are invited to rise when you see this symbol 

We Gather

Prelude

Ciacona in C minor
Fred Gramann, *organ*

Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome, Greeting

Don Lee

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

And also with you.

 Call to Worship

Allison Wheeler

The church of Christ in every age.

Beset by change but Spirit led,

Must claim and test its heritage

And keep on rising from the dead.

(Fred Pratt Green)

 Hymn No. 420 God of Grace and God of Glory *tune: CWM RHONDDA*

 Prayer of Common Confession

God of grace and glory, we come to you in an age of great change, some of which is life-giving and some that threatens the building of your kingdom in our midst.

We sometimes feel enmity toward others; sometimes we are resistant to change; sometimes we fail to understand the movement of your Spirit. Forgive us and free us to be a people of your new ways, that we may be a life-giving presence in our church, our communities, our world.

Amen.

🌐 Words of Assurance

Friends, God is always at work in our lives with forgiveness and the freedom to live in the Spirit, bringing hope and peace to our fractured world. We are forgiven, loved, and free!

Amen!

🌐 Gloria Patri, No. 579

Children's Blessing

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

🌐 Passing of the Peace

Anthem Ubi caritas *tune: ADORO TE DEVOTE, arr. by Fred Gramann*
Where there are charity and love, God is there.
Adult Choir Jennifer Young, soloist

Sermon Series: Different Together

Pursuing unity in Christ in the midst of diversity - and all its benefits and challenges! This series will take us through Pentecost and help us untangle what it means to speak different languages, but through the Spirit, learn to truly appreciate each other and love God more fully.

Sharing Artistic Expressions of the Holy

Don Lee

Congregants who produced art for Different Together are invited to bring their pieces to the Chancel at this time.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture

Isaiah 43:18-19

Delia Esteban

(read in Tagalog and English, page 586 in the pew Bibles)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Lord of the Dance

Don Lee

1 Peter 3:8-9 (page 985 in the pew Bibles)

***Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he;
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.***

We Respond and Are Sent into the World

Prayers of the People

Kate Snipes

We bring our struggles, celebrations, and gifts 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 Offering

Reggie Williams

Offertory Solo

Du bist die Ruh'

Franz Schubert

*Thou art my soothing peace. Remove my troubles; make them cease.
Stay with me amidst joy and strife, making thy home within my heart.*
Frédéric Goncalves, soloist

 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

Reggie Williams

 Hymn

Hear My Prayer For Unity

*tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
("Come, Ye Thankful people, Come")*

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***"Hear my prayer for unity,"
Jesus prayed for all his own.
"May these ones you've given me
Live the love that I have shown.
Mine are yours and yours are mine;
In them I am glorified!
Now I send them as a sign;
So may they be unified."***

***By your Spirit, make us one;
So the world will come to know
All the love of Christ the Son,
All your joys that overflow.
Help us put aside our strife;
Give your church a humble mind!
Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life,
Strengthen now the ties that bind.***

Postlude

Allegro

G.F. Handel

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