



The American Church in Paris

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

3 May 2020

WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The congregation's spoken words are in **bold**
and the sung words are in *bold italics*

Prelude

Tuba Tune in D Major
Fred Gramann, *organist*

C.S. Lang

Greeting for Worship

Jodi Fondell

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

Call to Worship

We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God,
who calls us by name,
who restores our souls,
who leads us in the way of righteousness,
who prepares a table to welcome all,
who offers life abundantly,
and whose goodness and mercy never stops pursuing us.
This is the God we have come to worship!

Hymn

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

tune: RESIGNATION

***My Shepherd, you supply my need,
Most holy is your name;
In pastures fresh you make me feed,
Beside the living stream.
You bring my wand'ring spirit back.
When I forsake your ways;
You lead me, for your mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.***

***When through the shades of death I walk,
Your presence is my stay;
One word of your supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.
Your hand in sight of all my foes,
Does still my table spread;
My cup with Blessings overflows,
Your oil anoints my head.***

*Your sure provisions gracious God
Attend me all my days;
Oh, may your house be my abode,
And all my work be praise.
Here would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come;
No more a stranger, nor a guest,
But like a child at home.*

[Confession of Sin and Assurance of Forgiveness](#)

**God, our Good Shepherd: you guide us in right paths, you lead us in the ways of all that is good, true and beautiful, but we have allowed our anxieties, frustration, fear, and anger to direct our paths. We have overreacted, taken more than our share, and despised others who seem to have it all. Forgive us, Lord, for not entering into abundant life through you. Forgive us for not remembering that we are your sheep, and you are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have become deaf to your voice and acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to you, and your loving ways. Help us to unclench our fists and open our hands to receive and share your hope and healing, your forgiveness and love. *(silent prayers of confession)*
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

The Good Shepherd knows the sheep, and the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep so the sheep may live abundantly! Friends, the Good Shepherd claims you as his own and calls you by name. Hear and believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made righteous. Amen.

Glory Be to the Father

tune: GLORIA PATRI

[Welcome](#)

Scott Herr

[Children's Blessing](#)

Allison Wheeler

[Lighting the Candle for God's Global Vision of Compassion, Justice and Peace](#)

Prayer for Illumination

Doug Fondell

[The First Lesson](#) – Psalm 23

Jonathan Wheeler

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Ride On, King Jesus
Spiritual, *arr. Howard Helvey*
The ACP Adult Choir Fred Gramann, *director*

The Second Lesson – John 10:1-10

Grant Mongin

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Sermon

Abundant Life

Scott Herr

Song of Response

Beloved

Devon Graves

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Jodi Fondell, Victor Greene

Song of Communion Spirit of the Living God *arr. Antony Baldwin*
The ACP Adult Choir Debra Sostrin, *soloist*
Fred Gramann, *director*

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion and Prayers of the People
Victor Greene

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Doxology Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication

Jodi Fondell

Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

tune: BRADBURY

***Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.***

*Early let us seek Thy favor,
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.*

[Benediction](#)

Scott Herr

Congregational Amen

The Organ Prelude is offered to the glory of the Risen Christ, and in memory of his dear friend, Sue Tipping, by Fred Gramann.

#ACPNOTCancelled

Together in Christ, While Physically Apart

Grace and peace to you! In the midst of the unprecedented Coronavirus pandemic, the American Church in Paris is dedicated to remaining a vibrant community and to provide you with resources for worship, learning, spiritual formation, and holistic health. We seek to grow spiritually closer as a community while observing physical distancing for safety.

While all activities at the ACP church sanctuary and Church House are cancelled until the confinement is lifted, the congregation is coming alive in new on-line and virtual ways. Stay tuned to acparis.org.

We pray that even during this crisis, we will continue to live into our mission "to bear witness in word and deed to the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ."

God be with you 'til we meet again!



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