



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

19 September 2021, 11h00

Welcome to this service of worship

We are happy you are here! Please observe COVID protocols throughout worship; wear your mask, observe social distancing, and greet your neighbor without touch. Please follow the guidance of ushers, and take or recycle your bulletin.

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

† You are invited to rise in body or in spirit when you see this symbol

We Gather

Prelude Toccata, Adagio and Allegro in G Major *J.S. Bach*
Fred Gramann, *organ*

Welcome, Greeting, and Announcements Paul Rock
The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

† Call to Worship Doug Fondell

Sing to the Lord a new song, because God has done wonderful things!

God's strong hand and his own holy arm have won the victory!

The Lord has made his salvation widely known, and revealed his righteousness in the eyes of all the nations.

**Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth! Be happy!
Rejoice out loud! Sing your praises!**

† Hymn Joy, Joyful, We Adore Thee tune: HYMN TO JOY

***Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!***

***Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.***

† Prayer of Common Confession

Jodi Fondell

Dear God, we come to you today, confessing we often feel empty, hungry, a great lack of something. It's vague, but that feeling is there, and so we pause to acknowledge it (*moment of honest silence*). We expect and hope for something to feel less alone, less empty. We confess that we often fill that need with a thing or a person or a fantasy that is unable to provide the peace we long for. We confess our hunger, and the unhelpful ways we try to fill it.
(time of silent confession and reflection)

† Words of Assurance

God of life, food, and fullness, as we gather before you, help us receive the nourishment you long to share with us and each other...
and experience the miracle of your grace and abundance in the empty parts of our souls. Amen.

Children's Blessing

Allison Wheeler

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

† Passing of the Peace

Music

Adagio from Concerto No. 3

Carl Stamitz

Carol Mundinger, *clarinet* Fred Gramann *piano*

Installation of the 2021-2022 ACP Council

Opening Marie Grout (Vice Moderator), Mark Primmer (Moderator)

Responsive reading

Leader: Though we have different gifts, together we are called to the ministry of reconciliation led by the Risen Christ. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!

Congregation: We call men and women into service through faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Members of Council: Our example for life and ministry is Jesus, the one who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.

Covenant questions and answers for Council members

Mary Crass Fenu

To the congregation

Leader: Do you, the members of the church, accept these Council members and will you support them through prayer, encouragement, and service, as they lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Congregation: We do and we will, by God's grace. We hear the Word.

The Prayer of Blessing and Laying on of Hands

Paul Rock, Senior Pastor

The Declaration of Installation

Mary Crass Fenu

Scripture Lesson – John 3:13-17

Max Valluy

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music

Adagio
Fred Gramann, *organ*

J.S. Bach

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me."

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Music

He shall feed his flock
Jennifer Young, *soloist* Fred Gramann, *organ*

G.F. Handel

We Respond and Are Sent into the World

We bring our struggles, celebrations, our gifts, and ourselves to God in prayer. Paul Rock

*Offerings are received at the welcome table
or at acparis.org/donate (QR code on back page).*

† Hymn

Where is Bread? *tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH*
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***"Where is bread?" the great crowd murmured —
Thousands strong, yet all in need.
"Where is bread?" your people wondered,
Faced with such a crowd to feed.
Who, Lord Jesus, could have guessed it?
One small boy brought food to share.
Taking what he gave, you blessed it;
All were fed, with much to spare.***

*Where is bread? We know their yearning;
Every day, we wish for more.
God, in time, we're slowly learning:
All we own can make us poor.
Our possessions can possess us,
Leaving hunger deep inside.
Christ our Bread, come now and bless us;
At your feast, we're satisfied.*

*"Where is bread?" the call is rising;
Millions cry who must be fed.
God, your answer seems surprising:
"You, my Church, you give them bread."
Bread to fill each hungry spirit,
Bread for hungry stomachs, too!
Give us bread and help us share it.
Richly blest, may we serve you.*

† Benediction

Jim Winkler

† Congregational Amen



Postlude

Prelude in G Major

J.S. Bach

The American Church in Paris Online Community

Welcome to worship! We are so glad that you are here! During the Covid-19 pandemic, the **American Church in Paris** remains a vibrant community with online resources for worship, learning, spiritual formation, and Christian discipleship. In addition to in-person worship in our sanctuary, ACP posts **livestreamed worship and much more** at acparis.org. Please continue to check our website for the latest news and to participate in new opportunities every week. Our mission is **“to bear witness in word and deed to the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ.”**

We welcome Jim Winkler to our pulpit today!

Jim is well-known among United Methodists for his nearly 30 years of service at the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church. At the Board of Church and Society, he held the position of seminar designer, director of annual conference relations, and assistant general secretary of resourcing congregational life, before his election as general secretary in 2000. As top executive of the board, Winkler focused on the implementation of the United Methodist Social Principles through education, witness, and advocacy.

In 2013, Winkler was elected as president and general secretary of the National Council of Churches in the United States. The NCC is an ecumenical partnership of 38 Christian faith groups in the United States. Its member denominations, churches, conventions, and archdioceses include Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox, Evangelical, historic African-American, and Living Peace traditions, in a common commitment to advocate and represent God's love and promise of unity in our public square.

As president and general secretary, Winkler is the public voice of the NCC and represents the Council as it addresses its major priorities: mass incarceration and interreligious relationships with a focus on peace. In 2019 the Council officially added the priority of ending racism. Winkler studied African history at the University of Illinois, received a master's degree in American history at George Mason University, and was granted an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Claremont School of Theology. He attends Fairlington United Methodist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, where his wife, Michelle Tello, is the office manager. Jim has three children.

Announcements

The altar flowers today are given to the glory to God in honor of the 2021-2022 ACP Council by Moderator Mark Primmer and Vice Moderator Marie Grout.

In need of prayer? If you are in need of prayer today, a lay care giver is available in the chapel (to the right of the sanctuary) to pray with you. If you would like members of the lay care ministry team, members of the prayer chain, and the pastoral team to uphold you in prayer, you may contact us at acparis.org/prayers.

Suicide prevention helpline and counseling in Paris:

- **SOS Helpline** – English-speaking helpline in France. Free telephone line open daily from 15h-23h at 01 4621 4646. Visit soshelpline.org for more information.
- **International Counseling Service.** Speak to someone about your needs – for individuals of all ages, couples, and groups. Free initial consultation. Contact 01 4550 2649 or icsparis@gmail.com. Visit icsparis.com for more information.

Seasons of change: This week you will notice the scaffolding in the sanctuary as we begin our light and sound improvement project. We will continue to worship with the scaffolding in our midst throughout the fall. Though this will reduce our sanctuary capacity, we are happy to be able to provide additional space to worship together in the Thurber Room where congregants can view the livestream of the 11h service on the large screen there. We hope to see all of you around here a lot this fall!

Atelier Concerts: Sundays at 17h30 in the sanctuary. **Today:** Adam Heron, *piano*. 26 Sept: Our ACP musicians (Jonathan Bloom, *cello*; Philip Glenister, *tenor*; Frédéric Goncalves, *baritone*; Laurana Mitchelmore, *piano*; Carol Munding, *clarinet*; Lisa Prevett, *flute*; Nicole Primmer, *soprano*; Debra Takakjian, *piano*; Nicole Taylor, *soprano*; Jennifer Young, *soprano*.) Admission is free. Passe sanitaire required.

Afghan support project: Today. The present influx of refugees, particularly Afghans, brings an immediate need for men's apparel – shoes sizes 39-43 and jeans/pants (all clean and in good condition), and socks and underwear (new and in packaging only). Please bring donations in a clean plastic bag to the collection box in Reception. Thank you! For more info, contact Peter DeWit at missionoutreach@acparis.org.

Help Paul get to know you and vice versa. Join a small group meet-and-greet conversation with Paul and Stacey (when she can make it) and chat about "what it means to be the church?" Two 1-hour Zoom sessions are scheduled for **today** at 16h and 23 September at 17h30; additional sessions are planned. Please sign up for one session only at acparis.org/signups.

The Post-Pandemic Church, Thurber Conversation, 21 September 19h30 in person and via Zoom. Guest is Jim Winkler, President and General Secretary of the U.S. National Council of Churches. Register at acparis.org.

Membership Orientation Meeting: 28 September 19h30-21h on Zoom. All who are interested in becoming a member of ACP are invited to sign up for this casual and interactive Zoom meeting. You will learn about the history, the vision, beliefs, values, and governance of ACP, and also get to know your pastors and our lay care ministry team. Together we will explore opportunities for you to serve, connect, and grow at ACP. Register at acparis.org.

ACP Open Doors: 3 October. Join us at our 11h traditional service or the 14h contemporary service to learn more about the ACP! You are invited to bring a guest and welcome them to the American Church. This is a time to greet and welcome the community of Paris. We will have a fellowship picnic with our guests after the 14h service at the park across the street. Please register for the picnic at acparis.org.

Becoming like the French: 9 October, 15h-17h in the Thurber Room. Have you ever wondered if you should tip in a restaurant in France or which wine you should choose? Do you want to know how you can better understand French people? Join us for a convivial moment to learn some cultural tips for living in France. Please register at acparis.org; limited spots available.

The Adult Choir and Handbell Choirs have resumed regular rehearsals. Please contact Fred at music@acparis.org for information on participating.

Sunday Welcome Table: We are looking for volunteers to help staff our welcome table after worship. If you'd like to join this team, please let Pastor Jodi know at associatepastor@acparis.org.

Volunteer Editor for *The Spire*: ACP's thriving monthly magazine *The Spire* is looking for a volunteer editor-in-chief. Interested? For further information please contact us at communications@acparis.org.

ACP Weekly

African Fellowship Online: Sundays 16h-17h via Zoom. The first Sunday of each month is the Fellowship; other Sundays in the month will be Bible study. Please register for the Zoom details at acparis.org.

Silent Prayer Thursdays at ACP: Thursdays 19h-20h via Zoom. Join us for prayer in silence. We will practice 25 minutes of praying together in stillness according to the method of Centering Prayer, and follow by the reading of a short sacred text according to the method of Lectio Divina. Afterwards, there will be an opportunity for sharing. Register at acparis.org for the Zoom link.

Children's Ministries

Children's Worship: Children's Worship is back in the ACP building at the 11h and 14h services! For safety reasons, all children must be registered for the program to attend. You can register your child for Children's Worship at acparis.org/cw-registration or by using the QR code here. We also ask that, just as you have been signing up to attend worship in the sanctuary, that you sign up your child's attendance in advance of each coming Sunday at acparis.org/signups.



If you are an adult and are interested in joining our Children's Worship leadership team, or if you have any other questions, please write to Allison Wheeler at childrensworship@acparis.org.

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Youth Ministry (collège, lycée): Youth meet weekly on Sundays at 12h30-13h45 in the Catacombs on the basement level of ACP. Contact associatepastor@acparis.org for more information.

Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-30): Young Adults meet weekly on Tuesday nights from 19h30-21h30 in the Courtyard (weather permitting) or in the Catacombs on the basement level of ACP. Contact associatepastor@acparis.org for more information. Follow our YA group on Instagram here: https://www.instagram.com/acp_ya/.

Adult Ministries

Sunday Evening Adult Bible Study: Sundays 17h30-19h via Zoom. This Bible study on the Book of Acts is hosted by Patti Lafage and Nathaniel Akujuobi, via Zoom. All are welcome. To register and receive the Zoom link: acparis.org.

Wednesday Evening Adult Learning at ACP – Everybody Always! Wednesdays, 19h30-21h via Zoom: “Becoming love in a world full of setbacks and difficult people.” Please register online at acparis.org.

A Pathway Forward: Constructive Conversation on Homosexuality and the Bible – welcome and inclusion at ACP. Every second Thursday, beginning 23 September, 19h30-21h via Zoom. Please register online at acparis.org.

Women's Monthly Bible Study: 26 September, 12h30-13h30 in room F2 (1st floor). All women welcome to join us in a once-monthly study on women in parables! Register at acparis.org.

Alpha Online Course: Mondays, beginning 27 September, 20h30-22h. Got questions about life? Alpha Online offers you the chance to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, fun and friendly environment! See acparis.org/alpha.

Men's Morning Bible Study at ACP: Thursdays, 7h30-8h30. Info at acparis.org/men-thursday.

Recycling Reminder: The garbage bins with yellow lids are for recycling paper, cans, and plastics. Please think about recycling your bulletin on the way out today!

Read all about it – inspiration, information, news, and events from ACP in the most recent edition of the Spire. Available on the app, or at acparis.org.

For more information on all the offerings for children, youth, adults, and mission and service opportunities, see acparis.org.

A "Passe Sanitaire" is required to attend ACP services.

All congregants of more than 17 years of age will be required to present at least one of the following documents upon arrival:

1. Proof of completion of a full vaccination schedule at least 7 days old (or 4 weeks in the case of a single shot Johnson & Johnson vaccination).
2. A negative RT-PCR or antigenic test less than 72 hours old.
3. The result of a positive RT-PCR or antigenic test demonstrating recovery of Covid-19, at least 11 days old and less than 6 months old.

Proof will be accepted in the form of a paper certificate or digitally via the "TousAntiCovid" mobile phone application. The current social distancing and mask mandate protocols will also remain in place.

Ministers of the American Church in Paris

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Starting online **Monday, 27 September** at **20h30**

✉ Register at alpha@acparis.org

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WOMEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY



WOMEN IN PARABLES

Join us to study women in parables! We will look at what Jesus is saying and what the women did in each parable. We will then prayerfully put ourselves in the stories, helping us see how we can apply their lessons to our lives.

All women welcome!

one Sunday a month
12h30-13h30, room F2 (1st floor)

Contact Teri Lee Valluy sundaywomensbible@acparis.org

*The kids' Bible study runs simultaneously with this one.

*For more information about the kids' Bible study, contact childrensworship@acparis.org.

SEPTEMBER 26

the persistent widow

OCTOBER 10

the woman who sweeps

NOVEMBER 21

the ten virgins

DECEMBER 5

the woman baker

JANUARY 17

the unmerciful servant's wife

FEBRUARY 6

the woman giving birth

MARCH 13

two women grinding grain

APRIL 3

the wife of seven brothers

MAY 22

the prodigal son's mother

JUNE 12

laborers in the vineyard



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PRESENTS



Adam Heron *pianiste*

DIMANCHE 19 SEPTEMBRE 2021 À 17H30

J. S. Bach

Partita No. 2 en ut mineur BWV 826

R. Schumann

Kinderszenen (Scènes d'enfants) Op. 15

F. Chopin

Nocturnes Op. 27 / Barcarolle Op. 60

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