

# THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

24 October 2021, 14h00

## Welcome to this service of worship

We are happy you are here! Although we are slowly removing restrictions put in place for Covid, we ask that you wear your mask while indoors. Creation Care is important to us, so at the end of the service, please 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:

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Prelude *My Help, My God* *Sandra McKraken*  
Mimi Sunnerstam, *cello* Ella Mundinger, *violin* Carol Mundinger, *clarinet*  
Devon Graves, *piano, vocals* Natalie Raynal, *vocals*

*Speak Your Peace* *Devon Graves, arr. John Arndt*  
Mimi Sunnerstam, *cello* Ella Mundinger, *violin* Carol Mundinger, *clarinet*  
Devon Graves, *piano, vocals* Natalie Raynal, Nicole Taylor,  
Kym Stewart, *backing vocals*

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

Call to Worship *Carroll Rock*

Lord, you have examined me. You know me. You know when I sit down and when I stand up. Even from far away, you comprehend my plans. You study my traveling and resting. You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.

**There isn't a word on my tongue, Lord, that you don't already know completely. You surround me—front and back. You rest your hand on me.**

Where could I go to get away from your spirit? Where could I go to escape your presence?

**If I went up to heaven, you would be there. If I went down to the grave, you would be there, too!**

Friends, no matter where you are today, God's strong arms are holding you tight. So let us resign ourselves to being God's beloved, and held in his love, worship together.

🌐 Hymn No. 356 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing *tune: NETTLETON*

🌐 Prayer of Presence and Confession Jodi Fondell, Doug Fondell

**Loving God, we acknowledge that we have mistrusted your presence, your providence, and your care. We confess that we've been reluctant to love our neighbors, and even ourselves. And, we admit that we have undervalued your forgiveness and grace. (a time for silent confession)**

**For all that we have done to bring pain to your beautiful world: our hard and unkind words, our careless and thoughtless deeds, our reluctance to follow your lead in rendering aid, we ask your forgiveness in Jesus' name. Amen.**

🌐 Assurance of God's Grace

Sisters and brothers, hear and believe the good news: just when we are sure we are down and counted out, through Jesus Christ and the wind of his Spirit, God breathes life, love, and grace back into our being.

**All praise and thanksgiving be to God. Alleluia!**

🌐 Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly  
Ghost; As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be,  
world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

Children's Blessing

Allison Wheeler

🌐 Passing of the Peace

Anthem Beautiful Fred Gramann  
*But how can the people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they've not heard of the One who can be trusted? And how is anyone going to tell them unless someone is sent to do it? That's why scripture claims: Beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace.*  
(Romans 10:14-15)

Adult Choir Jennifer Young, *soloist*  
Lisa Prevett, *flute* Laurana Mitchelmore, *piano*

O.T. Scripture Reading Isaiah 52:7-10 Don Lee  
*(page 596 in the pew Bibles)*

Sermon Finding Common, Sacred Ground  
Chad Stubbs, Alexis Tolbert  
*Acts 17:15-28 (page 902 in the pew Bibles)*

Musical Response Magnificent Reflections Devon Graves

Call to Generous Giving Virginia Jacinto  
*Offerings are received in the plates that are passed or at [acparis.org/donate](http://acparis.org/donate) (QR code on contact info page).*

Offertory Total Praise Richard Smallwood  
Nicole Taylor, Kym Stewart, Natalie Raynal, *vocals*  
Fred Gramann, *piano*

Receiving the Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving African Fellowship

### **Installation of Senior Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Paul Rock**

Responsive Reading: I Cor. 12 MaryClaire King, Christopher Wobo

Congregational Affirmation

**Within our common ministry, we recognize people are called by God to special ministry, remembering that our Lord Jesus said, "Whoever among you wants to be great must first become the servant of all, and if one wants to be first among you, one must be the servant of all!" 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 us all free.**

Words of Affirmation and Wisdom

Yetty Usino, Tiana Ranaivoson, Kym Stewart

Questions to the Congregation

Marie Grout, Mark Primmer

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Stacey Perkins Rock

Prayer of Blessing and Laying On of Hands

Jim Hobbs

Declaration of Installation

Mark Primmer

Final Hymn No. 369 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

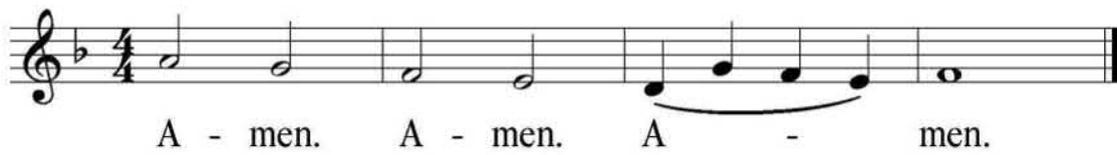
Invitation to Reception

Marie Grout

Benediction

Paul Rock

Congregational Amen



Recessional

African Fellowship

Postlude

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### With thanks to our special worship leaders:

Henry Fortu and ACP African Fellowship members

Marie Grout, *ACP Council Vice Moderator*

Jim Hobbs, *AFCU Board Member, ACP Alumnus*

Virginia Jacinto, *ACP Filipino Fellowship*

MaryClaire King, *Senior Pastor Search Committee*

Stacey Perkins Rock, *Paul's Best Friend & Life Partner*

Mark Primmer, *ACP Council Moderator*

Tiana Ranaivoson, *Senior Pastor Search Committee*

Carroll Rock, *Father of Paul & Husband of the late Ann Clayton Rock*

Kym Stewart, *ACP Community Life Chair*

Chad Stubbs, *Dear friend of Paul & Elder, 5th Ave. Presb. Church (NYC)*

Alexis Tolbert, *Dear friend of Paul & Elder, 5th Ave. Presb. Church (NYC)*

Yetty Usino, *ACP Council Vice Secretary*

Christopher Wobo, *Senior Pastor Search Committee*

# The American Church in Paris

Welcome to worship – we are so glad that you are here! The **American Church in Paris** is a vibrant community, with many offerings in-person and online for worship, learning, spiritual formation, and Christian discipleship for youth, adults and children alike. In addition to in-person worship in our sanctuary, ACP posts livestreamed worship at [acparis.org](http://acparis.org). Please check our website for the latest news and opportunities to grow and connect every week. Our mission is **“to bear witness in word and deed to the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ.”**

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## **A "Pass 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. Mask mandate protocols remain in place.

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## **Announcements**

**Rev. Dr. Paul Rock’s Installation Service: Today**, a combined worship service at 14h00 in the Sanctuary. We are so glad you are here for this special service of installation for our Senior Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Paul Rock. This service will be the only service we hold on this day, and it will be followed by a light reception.

**The altar flowers today** are given to the glory of God, and to celebrate the calling and installation of the Rev. Dr. Paul Rock, by the Senior Pastor Search Team.

**The anthem “Beautiful”** was composed for today’s service in honor of the installation of the Rev. Dr. Paul Rock as Senior Pastor of the American Church in Paris.

**In need of prayer?** If you are in need of prayer today, a lay caregiver 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](http://acparis.org/prayers).

**Seasons of change:** You will notice the scaffolding in the sanctuary as we continue our light and sound improvement project. We will continue to worship with the scaffolding in our midst throughout the fall. We hope to see all of you around here a lot!

**Atelier Concert Series:** This evening’s free concert at 17h30 in our sanctuary features soprano Lauren Libaw, accompanied by Elsa Bonnet on piano.

**Shane Claiborne, Thurber Conversation:** Tuesday, 26 October, 19h30 on Zoom. We're excited to welcome Shane, who's speaking on "Hope for a People Weary of Violence." Shane is the founder of Red Letter Christians: [redletterchristians.org](http://redletterchristians.org). Register at [acparis.org](http://acparis.org).

**The Story of Spirituals Benefit Concert:** Saturday 30 October, 20h. This concert will be presented by Nicole Taylor (soprano) and Nathalia Romanenko (piano) to raise funds aimed at decreasing ACP's financial losses during the last year and a half. Our goal is to raise at least 5,000 euros from this concert. Tickets are 20 euros for adults and 15 euros for students. Our ACP community is encouraged to go beyond the price of the ticket, with the option of receiving a year-end French tax credit for the extra gift if requested. We're looking for ten people to accept the FRED CHALLENGE! Fred will match a 100 euro donation beyond the ticket price from up to ten people. He's waiting for you to speak with him! Please plan to lend your support by your presence and financial generosity. See [acparis.org/benefit](http://acparis.org/benefit). Tickets available for purchase on our website and in-person at ACP.

**ACP Climate Sunday Participation:** 31 October. ACP will participate in Climate Sunday, joining about 2,000 Christian congregations from 40 denominations across the UK in advance of the UN climate change conference (COP26) in Glasgow in November. Plus, ACP has launched a European Interfaith Climate Campaign to encourage people of faith to "shed light on the systemic and structural issues blocking a sustainable future and climate justice for all people, through reflection, prayer, and action." See the website or email [creationcare@acparis.org](mailto:creationcare@acparis.org) for details.

**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 26 October at 17h30 and 7 November at 16h. Please sign up for one session only at [acparis.org/signups](http://acparis.org/signups).

**Photos for Paul:** Help us help Paul get to know you by face and name by taking a selfie of yourself or your family and sharing it by email with the names of those in the photo to [pastorintern@acparis.org](mailto:pastorintern@acparis.org). We will make a photo book for Paul with your submissions (your personal information will not be shared with a third party). Thanks for your help as we continue to bring our new Senior Pastor on board!

**Welcome cards for incoming Youth and Young Adults Pastor Rev. Elizabeth Murray:** Please help us to welcome incoming Rev. Elizabeth Murray by writing a card or note! Today is the last day to turn in handwritten notes at ACP reception.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:communications@acparis.org).

**Photos requested: All Saints Day,** which falls on Monday 1 November, is a time when we remember ACP-related friends and family members who have joined our Lord in heaven during the past year. You are invited to send a photo of a departed loved one, along with their complete name, to Fred Gramann at [music@acparis.org](mailto:music@acparis.org) by Wednesday, 28 October. A musical meditation video will be created to honor our saints, which will be shared with the congregation.

## Children's Ministries

**Children's Worship - Pumpkin Prayer Party:** Sunday 31 October, 12h15-13h45 in the 2nd floor Library. Come dressed in your favorite (non-scary) costume, and enjoy some slightly spooky scripture storytelling! The fun continues with crafts, snacks, and games. Families with kids of all ages are welcome. Register at [acparis.org/signups](http://acparis.org/signups).

**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](http://acparis.org/cw-registration) or by using the QR code here. We also ask that you register your child's attendance in advance of each Sunday at [acparis.org/signups](http://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](mailto:childrensworship@acparis.org).



## Youth and Young Adult Ministries

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

**Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-30):** Young Adults meet weekly on Tuesday nights, 19h30-21h30 in the Library. Contact [associatepastor@acparis.org](mailto:associatepastor@acparis.org) for more information. Follow our YA group on Instagram here: [https://www.instagram.com/acp\\_ya/](https://www.instagram.com/acp_ya/).

## Adult Ministries

**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](http://acparis.org).

**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](http://acparis.org).

**Alpha Online Course:** Mondays 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](http://acparis.org/alpha).

**Sandwiches for those in need:** 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month, 15h30 in the courtyard. Join us to make sandwiches to be delivered to homeless and refugee populations. This event is financially supported by the ACP, and the food will be distributed by Serve the City volunteers. Feel free to bring a few bags of sliced bread, if you would like. We will make fresh sandwiches together and share conversation. Reservation in advance at [tennhafer@yahoo.com](mailto:tennhafer@yahoo.com) is mandatory.

**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](http://acparis.org).

**Men's Morning Bible Study at ACP:** Thursdays 7h30-8h30. Info at [acparis.org/men-thursday](http://acparis.org/men-thursday).

**Silent Prayer Thursdays at ACP:** Thursdays 18h-19h 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, followed 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](http://acparis.org) for the Zoom link.

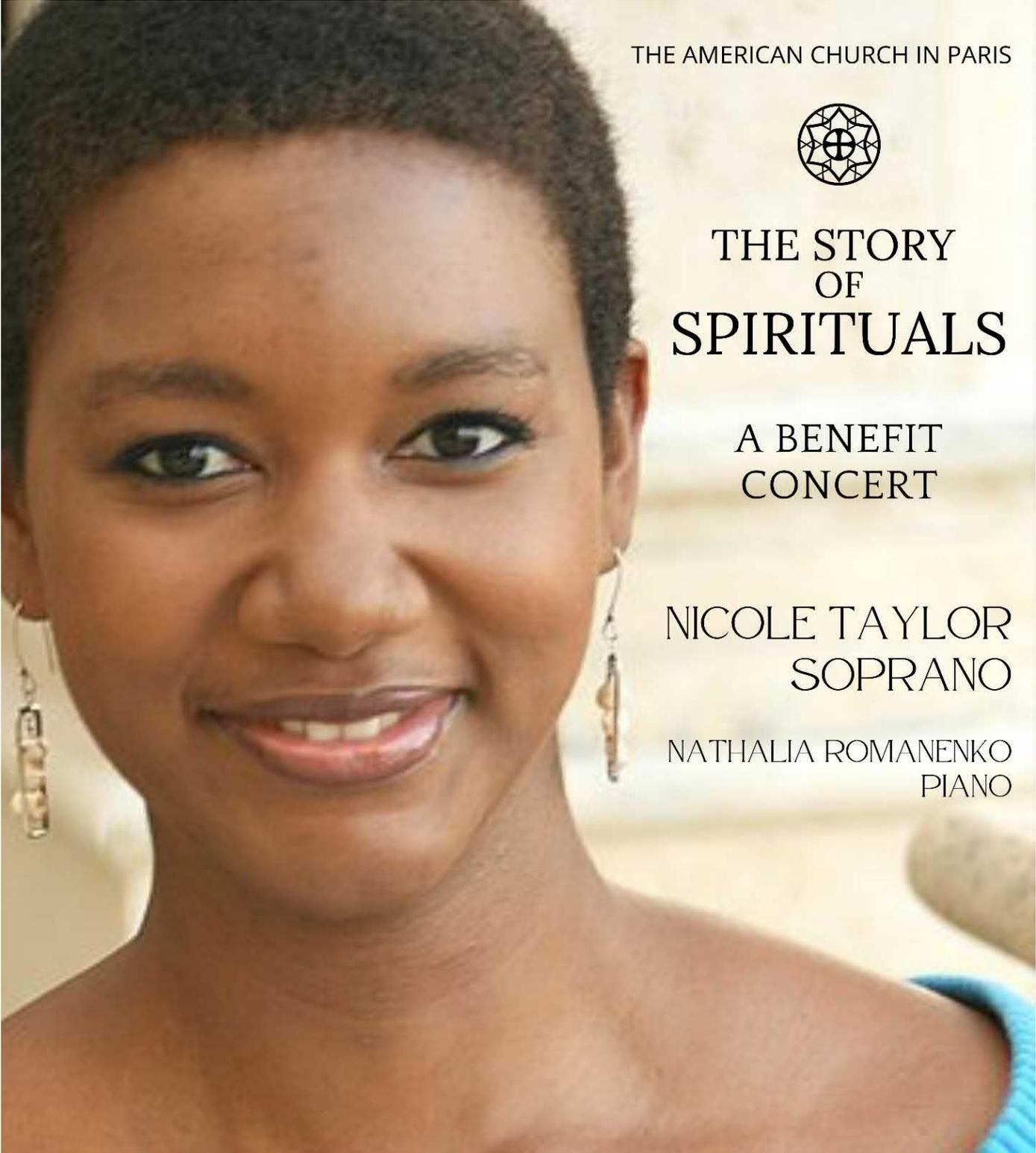
**A Pathway Forward: Constructive conversation on homosexuality and the Bible** – welcome and inclusion at ACP. Every second Thursday, 19h30-21h via Zoom. Please register online at [acparis.org](http://acparis.org).

**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!

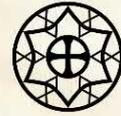
**Read all about it** – inspiration, information, news, and events from ACP in the most recent edition of the Spire. Available on the app, or at [acparis.org](http://acparis.org).

**For more information on all the offerings for children, youth, adults, and mission and service opportunities, see [acparis.org](http://acparis.org).**

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A close-up portrait of a young Black woman with short hair, smiling gently. She is wearing large, ornate earrings and a blue top. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

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# Pumpkin Prayer Party!



Come dressed in your favorite (non-scary) costume,  
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The fun continues with crafts, snacks, and games.  
Families with kids of all ages welcome!



October 31, 2021, 12h15-13h45, 2nd Floor Library

Please register on our website, [acparis.org](http://acparis.org)  
Got questions? Write to [communitylife@acparis.org](mailto:communitylife@acparis.org)



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PRESENTS

**Lauren LIBAW**  
soprano

**Elsa BONNET**  
piano

DIMANCHE 24 OCTOBRE 2021 À 17H30

## “Our Favorite Things”

Oeuvres de

Bellini, Donizetti, Mozart,

Poulenc, Schubert,

Brown, Rodgers et Webber

# Shed light (not heat) on the climate

*Join the European interfaith campaign for creation.*

As leaders and peoples of English-speaking faith communities in Paris, London, and Berlin, we feel compelled to respond to the climate crisis, which is afflicting the poor and vulnerable the most. Our children and generations to come will suffer and perish from our inaction. Rapid, transformative change is needed now to avert climate catastrophe. Let us lift up creation as world leaders meet for the UN climate conference (COP26) in November. Join us as we work together to shed light on the systemic and structural issues blocking a sustainable future and climate justice for all people, through reflection, prayer, and action.



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UK 2021**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

**Faith communities:** Join our effort (scan QR):



[bit.ly/3lBdvq](https://bit.ly/3lBdvq)

**Humans:** Connect with your local faith community below for special climate services, events, and challenges.



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Quakers en France  
[www.quakersenfrance.org](http://www.quakersenfrance.org)



[06planet.org/en/](http://06planet.org/en/)



[www.kehilatgesher.org](http://www.kehilatgesher.org)

# Ministers of the American Church in Paris

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Ministers                    | <b>The Entire Congregation</b>   |  |
| Senior Pastor                | <b>The Rev. Dr. Paul Rock</b>    | <a href="mailto:paulrock@acparis.org">paulrock@acparis.org</a>                 |
| Interim Associate Pastor     | <b>The Rev. Jodi Fondell</b>     | <a href="mailto:associatepastor@acparis.org">associatepastor@acparis.org</a>   |
| Interim Associate Pastor     | <b>The Rev. Doug Fondell</b>     | <a href="mailto:ap2@acparis.org">ap2@acparis.org</a>                           |
| Youth/Young Adults Pastor    | <b>The Rev. Elizabeth Murray</b> | <a href="mailto:youthpastor@acparis.org">youthpastor@acparis.org</a>           |
| Children's Ministry Director | <b>The Rev. Allison Wheeler</b>  | <a href="mailto:childrensworship@acparis.org">childrensworship@acparis.org</a> |
| Visiting Pastor              | <b>The Rev. Don Lee</b>          | <a href="mailto:visitingpastor@acparis.org">visitingpastor@acparis.org</a>     |
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| Wedding Coordinator          | <b>Jörg Kaldewey</b>             | <a href="mailto:weddings@acparis.org">weddings@acparis.org</a>                 |

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