



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

3 October 2021, 11h00 "Open Doors Welcome"

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

We Gather

Prelude And All Shall Sing and Dance *Gilbert Martin*
Toccata on "From all that dwell below the skies" *R.E. Copley*
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 Don Lee

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your family's house to the land that I will show you.

And God will make us into a great nation. God will bless us and make our name great, so that we will be a blessing to all.

I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you, *all the families of the earth shall be blessed!*"

 Hymn Welcoming God

tune: ASSURANCE ("Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!")

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***Children are welcome, Christ said one day,
When the disciples just urged them away.
Children are welcome at Jesus' knee:
God's own examples for ministry.
Welcoming God, you open the Way;
Even the smallest worship and pray,
Singing with faith and serving you well,
Your life to know and good news to tell.***

*Women are welcome, as are the men;
Through God's own Spirit, we're partners again.
Partners as prophets, ministers, too:
No more divided –made one in you.
Welcoming God, you open the way;
Those once divided join now to pray,
Serving at Table, preaching your Word,
So that your love for all will be heard.*

*Outcasts are welcome; sinners are, too,
Eating with Jesus and being made new:
Some like Zacchaeus turned right around;
Wounded and poor ones felt peace profound.
God of great love, you stand at the door,
Welcoming people outcast and poor.
So you forgive and call us to be
Filled with the joy of your jubilee.*

*So may we welcome into our pew
All who in Jesus are being made new —
All those who seek him, wanting to know,
Wanting to love him, wanting to grow.
Welcoming God, you stand at our door,
As someone different, outcast or poor.
With longing eyes, Lord Jesus, you search.
May we all welcome you in your church.*

 Prayer of Common Confession

Don Lee

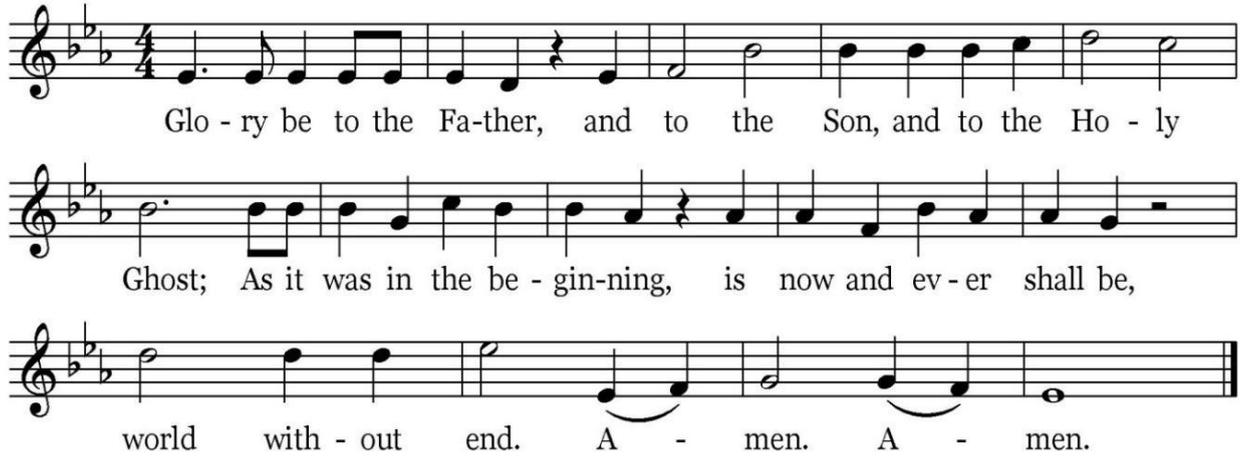
God, in you, we all share a common origin. Your dream is for a day when we are gathered together as one family in you. Yet we confess that family can make us crazy. Some of our deepest hurts come from family. We confess that we would rather run away or just get lost in the business of life. Forgive us, Holy God. And help us to refocus our lives on *your* dream and do what we can to repent, return, and re-love. (time of silent prayer)

 Words of Assurance

Don Lee

God has abundantly shared with us – life, grace, goodness, forgiveness, and more grace. Forgiven and freed, may we be empowered to do something today to bridge just one division and restore one relationship in the family of God. **Amen.**

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.

Passing of the Peace

Minute for Ministry: Usher Ministry

Agnes Adex

Scripture Lesson - Isaiah 25:6-10 (*page 568 of the pew Bibles*)

Delia Esteban

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo He's Got the Whole World arr. *Margaret Bonds*
Nicole Taylor, *soloist* Fred Gramann, *piano*

Sermon series: Renovating & Rebuilding the Post-Pandemic Church

Sermon We Have All Things in Common

Paul Rock

Acts 2:42-47 (page 886 of the pew Bibles)

Solo Recit: I go on my way in the strength of the Lord

Air: For the mountains shall depart *Felix Mendelssohn*

Frédéric Goncalves, *soloist* Fred Gramann, *piano*

We Respond and Are Sent into the World

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Jodi Fondell, Paul Rock

The Invitation: *We bring our struggles, celebrations, and gifts to God.*

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer:

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.

🌐 Hymn No. 508 For the Bread Which You Have Broken *tune: KINGDOM*

🌐 Benediction Paul Rock

Offerings are received at the back of the sanctuary in the narthex or at acparis.org/donate (QR code on back page).

🌐 Congregational Amen



Postlude

Allegro Maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn

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. 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.**”

Announcements

ACP Open Doors Welcome: Today. In greeting and welcoming the community of Paris, we will have a fellowship picnic with our guests after the 14h service, in the park across the street.

African Fellowship is meeting in the Thurber room today at 12h30. All are welcome.

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.

Seasons of change: 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. We hope to see all of you around here a lot!

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.

ACP pizza party and game night: 15 October, 19h - 22h. ACP congregants of all ages are invited to come and enjoy fellowship with each other while dining and playing some of our favorite classic board games. We will provide pizza and some sweet snacks. There is no charge for this event, but make sure to register at acparis.org/signups.

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.

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.

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 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: 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 you register 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 Library. Contact associatepastor@acparis.org for more information. Follow our YA group on Instagram here: https://www.instagram.com/acp_ya/.

Adult Ministries

A Pathway Forward: Constructive conversation on homosexuality and the Bible – welcome and inclusion at ACP. Every second Thursday, next session on 7 October, 19h30-21h via Zoom. Please register online at acparis.org.

Women's Fellowship: 17 October at 16h on Zoom. Join us for the "Getting to know Stacey Perkins Rock Interview." All women are welcome. Please register at acparis.org/groups/womensfellowship.

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.

Sandwiches for those in need: Weekly on Wednesdays at 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 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.

Men's Morning Bible Study at ACP: Thursdays, 7h30-8h30. Info at 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 for the Zoom link.

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.

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.

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 "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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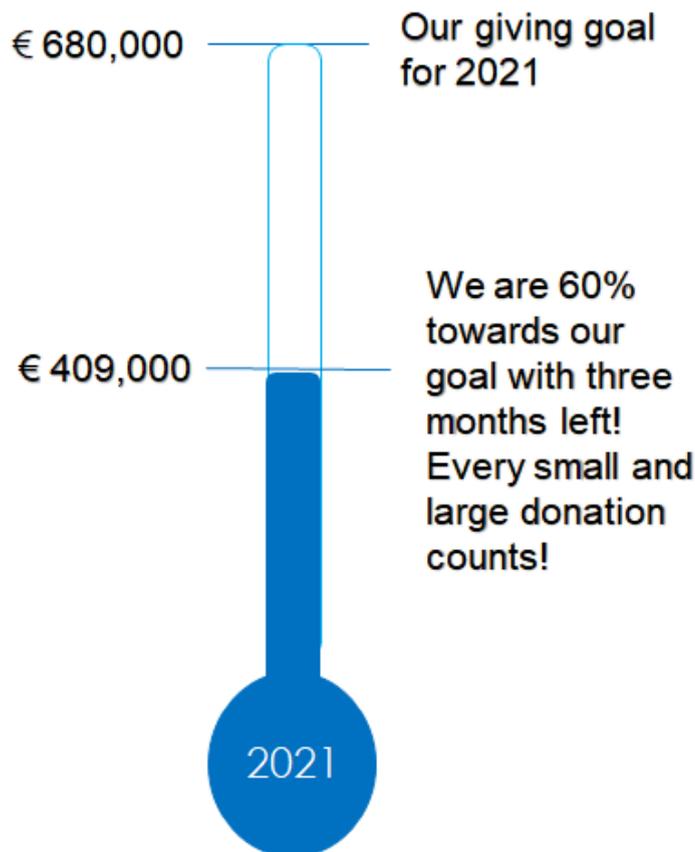
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The American Church in Paris depends on the generosity of members and alumni in Paris and worldwide who continue to be touched by its ministries. Please give at acparis.org/donate (QR code below), email acctg@acparis.org, or visit acparis.org/support-us for more information on being a part of ACP's ministry through regular stewardship or planned giving. You can also speak with a pastor after today's service. Gifts by those subject to French income tax receive a 66% reduction in their tax due (up to 20% of taxable income). The after-tax cost of your support is therefore only €34 for a €100 gift. This applies to gifts made online, by check or by bank transfer in EUR to The American Church in Paris. For those who may prefer the charitable deduction from taxable income in the US, checks in US dollars should be made out to The American and Foreign Christian Union (AFCU) and marked "ACP Stewardship".



Our Congregational **GIVING**



Goal represents congregational giving budget (including AFCU) for full year.



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