



# The American Church in Paris

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17 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

Prelude on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"  
(*in the style of Bach's Prelude in C Major in 9/8*)

#### Ringing of the bells

#### Greeting for Worship

Doug Fondell

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

#### Call to Worship

Come, people of God!

**Take refuge in the Lord,**

who listens when we cry out,

**who rescues us when we call,**

and who leads and guides us according to his unfailing love.

**You are our God;**

our lives are in your hands.

**Let's worship God together!**

#### Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *tune*: LOBE DEN HERREN

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!***

***O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!***

***All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;***

***Praise Him in glad adoration.***

***Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!***

***Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been***

***Granted in what He ordaineth?***

***Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!***

***All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;***

***Let the Amen sound from His people again,***

***Gladly for aye we adore Him.***

## Confession of Sin

**Maker and giver of all, forgive us when we are too preoccupied to notice your presence in our lives: when we walk through this world and fail to see the wonder of you upholding our lives and all creation; when we walk through our lives and fail to see you abiding with, within, and around us; when we walk through holy moments and fail to savor your presence, instead feeling abandoned in the vast sweep of life as each day rushes at us with its demands. Open our eyes to your presence, God of love, that we may lean on you even as we now bring our private confessions before you...**

*(silent prayers of confession)*

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, Jesus has promised that he will not leave us orphaned and has gifted us with the presence of the Holy Spirit. So know that no matter where you are today, God's grace draws near and provides you with hope, comfort and forgiveness. So 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

## Anthem

A Child's Prayer

*Janice Kapp Perry*

Margaux and Vivienne Debré, *sol* Stacey Pavesi Debré, *piano*

*Margaux and Vivienne are members of the ACP Youth Choir directed by Sara Barton*

## Children's Blessing

Allison Wheeler

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scott Herr

## The First Lesson – Psalm 66:8-20

Lector: Mary Fenu

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

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*Fred Gramann*

## The Second Lesson – John 14:15-21

Lector: Phil Swanson

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

[Sermon](#) Comforted, Not Abandoned Jodi Fondell

[Musical Response](#) Still, Still With thee Fred Gramann

[Prayers of the People](#) Grant Mongin

[Offering of Tithes and Gifts](#) Victor Greene

[Offertory Music](#) Keep The Hope  
George Makhshigian and John Arndt

[Prayer of Dedication](#) Victor Greene

[Hymn](#) O Christ, We Trust Your Promise  
tune: AURELIA ("The Church's One Foundation")  
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***O Christ, we trust your promise that we are not alone,  
For God still dwells among us to make in us a home.  
God gives the Holy Spirit to teach us how to be  
A loving, faithful people, a new community.***

***We find a real assurance within the peace you give;  
The Advocate God sends us now shows us how to live.  
When we're afraid or anxious, when sin is all we see,  
The Spirit builds among us a new community.***

***Your love is your commandment — both old and also new.  
In this world's pain, it's urgent that we live love for you.  
We're called to love and welcome the poor, the refugee —  
To serve with them, creating a new community.***

***So when we seek direction, remind us what is true:  
The Advocate is with us to help us follow you.  
Christ, guided by the Spirit, may we your people be  
A loving, faithful witness in this community.***

[Benediction](#) Jodi Fondell

Congregational Amen

[Postlude](#) Prelude on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Paul Manz

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Our thanks to Carolyn Winfrey Gillette who gave us permission to use her hymn text “O Christ, We Trust Your Promise” for our worship service today. Carolyn and her husband Bruce are the co-pastors of Overbrook Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For more information you are invited go to <https://www.carolynshymns.com/biography.html>.

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## **#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](http://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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