



# THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

## Third Sunday of Lent - 12 March 2023, 11h00

**Welcome, we are so happy you are here!**

ACP is a Christian community of all socio-economic backgrounds, ethnicities, races, nationalities, gender identities, and sexual orientations.

Creation Care is important to us, so please take or recycle your bulletin after the service.

Corporate words are in **bold**. You are invited to rise when you see this symbol 

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### We Gather

Prelude

*Os Justi*  
*Ubi Caritas*

Z. Randall Stroope  
Maurice Durufle

Pellissippi State Community College Choir

*Variations Choir is a select vocal ensemble from Pellissippi State Community College located in Knoxville, Tennessee in the Southeastern United States. The group is comprised of both music majors and non-music majors alike and specializes in choral chamber music and advanced choral repertoire in a variety of styles. Variations performs regularly on their college campus, throughout the Knoxville community, and around the world in concert halls, cathedrals, and schools. In recent years, Variations has toured in Hungary, Italy, Austria, the Czech Republic, Spain, and Peru.*

*Variations performs under the direction of conductor Meagan Humphreys.*

Welcome, Greeting (Announcement - Strat Vision Team) Paul Rock  
The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

 Call to Worship (*from Lamentations 2*) Dan Michalek

Arise, cry out in the night, pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord.

**The hearts of the people cry out to the Lord. The tears of Daughter Zion flow like a river day and night;**

Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your children who faint from hunger

**“Look, Lord, and consider: Whom have you ever treated like this?”**

 Hymn No. 437

*Our Cities Cry to You, O God* Margaret Clarkson

 Song of Common Confession      *Psalm 51*      (No. 195 in hymnal)

v. 1, 4, 1

***Have mercy on us, living Lord,  
remember not our sin.***

***According to Your steadfast love,  
come cleanse us deep with-in. (time of silent prayer)***

 Words of Assurance      Dan Michalek


Friends, our God does not delight in sacrifice or burnt offerings.

**Our acceptable sacrifice is a humble spirit; a broken and  
contrite heart will not escape God's notice.**

 *Gloria Patri*, No. 579

Children's Moment      Allison Wheeler

*Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment and then go  
to their worship spaces during the passing of the peace.*

 Passing of the Peace

Anthem      *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*      arr. Ben Bram  
Pellissippi State Community College Choir

**Lenten Sermon Series: The Gift of Lament**  
*Walking the lonesome valley with Jesus together*

Sermon      Communal Confession and Systemic Change      Paul Rock  
*Lamentations 1:17-20, page 667 in the pew bibles*

**We Respond and Are Sent into the World**

Communal Response of Prayer and Song      Elizabeth Murray

***I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus,  
I cannot bear these burdens alone;  
I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus,  
Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.***

***We must tell Jesus, we must tell Jesus,  
We cannot bear these burdens alone;  
We must tell Jesus, we must tell Jesus,  
Jesus can help us, Jesus alone.***

The Lord's Prayer: (*in your mother tongue*)

**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.**

Call for Offering

Elizabeth Murray

Offertory

*I Got a Key*  
Pellissippi State Community College Choir

Spiritual/arr. Joni Jensen

☉ Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
In heav'n above and earth below!  
One God, three persons, we adore;  
To God be praise forevermore!***

☉ Prayer of Dedication

Dan Michalek

☉ Hymn

*Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley*  
(see screens)

Spiritual

☉ Benediction

Paul Rock

☉ Sung Benediction *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Peter C. Lutkin  
Pellissippi State Community College Choir

Postlude

Pellissippi State Community College Choir

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**Welcome to all! Check out [acparis.org](http://acparis.org) and the QR code for all the information on ACP happenings. And so much more ...**

**If you are in need of prayer**, a lay caregiver is available in the chapel (to the right of the sanctuary) after service.

**Docent tour of Sanctuary:** Today after the 11h service, meet at the front of the Sanctuary near the chancel.

**Your Communications Team is here for you!** For the month of March, stop by their table during the coffee hour to meet the Chair and Vice Chair, Daniel and Kaylee, to hear about what they have in store for digital outreach.

**Parenting Support Group Meeting:** 19 March, 12h15 in G7. Parents of children and youth of all ages are welcome to join.



**Service of Lament:** 21 March, 19h30 in the Sanctuary.

**Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting:** 26 March following the 11h Combined Worship Service in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the 2022 Ministry Reports from the Council and the ACP Pastoral Leadership, present the 2022 preliminary financial results, and vote to approve the 2023 budget. If you cannot be present, make sure your vote counts by completing the electronic proxy at [acparis.org/proxy](http://acparis.org/proxy).

**Nursery Director position available:** contact [childrensworship@acparis.org](mailto:childrensworship@acparis.org).

**NOMINATION TIME - Do you know someone who could be a great fit for the ACP Council?** The ACP Nominating Committee prayerfully discerns and nominates servant leaders each year to ensure the wise and faithful governance of our church. Please help us with our discernment and send your prayerful suggestions for council leadership by email to [nominating@acparis.org](mailto:nominating@acparis.org). Thank you!

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