



# THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

26 JULY 2020

WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF WORSHIP

### [Announcements](#)

### [Prelude](#)

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist  
(We now implore the Holy Spirit)

*Dietrich Buxtehude*

### [Greeting for Worship](#)

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

Call to Worship (from Psalm 105)

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,  
**Make known his deeds among the peoples.**  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
**Tell of all his wonderful works.**  
Glory in his holy name;  
**Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**  
Seek the LORD and his strength;  
**Seek his presence continually.**

### [Hymn](#)

Before the Throne

*tune: DUKE STREET ("Jesus shall reign where'er the sun")*

*Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is love,  
Whoever lives and pleads for me.*

*My name is graven on his hands,  
My name is written on his heart.  
I know that while in heav'n he stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.*

*Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just is satisfied  
To look on him and pardon me,*

*Behold him there, the risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I Am,  
The King of glory and of grace!*

### [Invitation to Confession](#)

Holy Spirit, intercede for us now.

Corporate Confession of Sin

**Spirit of the Living God, help us in our weakness. We do not pray as we ought, do as we ought, think as we ought, speak as we ought, or live as we ought. Search our hearts, Lord. Root out all that which is unworthy of a child of the most loving, most gracious, most high God. Call us again according to your holy purpose. You**

**did not withhold your Son from us; let us withhold no part of ourselves from you and from your purposes. Form us in the image of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

*(Silent confession)*

We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Beloveds, God is for us! Despite our weaknesses we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. And we are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made righteous. Amen!**

[Gloria Patri](#)

[Welcome](#)

Odette Lockwood-Stewart

[Blessing of the Children](#)

Allison Wheeler

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

Prayer for Illumination

Jodi Fondell

[The First Lesson – Romans 8:26-39](#)

Tarani Merriweather

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

[Musical Offering](#)

I Will Not Give Up

*Devon Graves*

Devon Graves and Natalie Raynal, vocals; Josiah Woodson, piano

Produced by Josiah Woodson

*I will run and not grow weary,*

*Knowing You will fill my cup.*

*I'll persevere in the race before me;*

*I will not give up, I will not give up.*

*I will not give up, no,*

*I can do all things through the Lord, my Strength,*

*So I will not give up.*

[The Second Lesson – Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52](#)

Allison Wheeler

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

[Sermon](#)

Looking Up

Allison Wheeler

[Musical Offering](#)

Deep River

*arr. H.T. Burleigh*

John Bernard, *soloist* Fred Gramann, *piano*

[Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer](#) (*in your mother tongue*)

Doug Fondell

[The Offering of Tithes and Gifts](#)

[Offertory Music](#)

Jubilation

*Fred Gramann*

The ACP Bronze Ringers

[Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings](#)

Jodi Fondell

Verse 1

***In Christ alone my hope is found.  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.***

Chorus 1

***What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease!  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.***

Verse 2

***In Christ alone! - who took on flesh;  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This Gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.***

Chorus 2

***Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied –  
For every sin on Him was laid:  
Here in the death of Christ I live.***

Verse 3

***There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again!***

Chorus 3

***And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine –  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.***

Verse 4

***No guilt in life no fear in death;  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny.***

Chorus 4

***No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
Till he returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!***

[Benediction](#)

Allison Wheeler

[Congregational Amen](#)

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## Announcements

**Sanctuary Worship Registration:** You will be able to sign up for “Worship in the Sanctuary” each week via a web link on [acparis.org](http://acparis.org), appearing Mondays at 12h00. There is space for 130 participants each week. We look forward to having you with us again!

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