



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9 AUGUST 2020

WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF WORSHIP

[Ringing of the Bells](#)

[Prelude](#)

Offertory in G minor

César Franck

[Call to Worship](#)

Doug Fondell

God, you are a God of invitation.

You invited Abraham to follow you.

You invited the disciples to drop their nets.

You invited the children to draw near.

You invited Peter to walk on water.

You invited the tax collector to dinner.

You invited the Samaritan woman into eternal life.

In the same manner, you invite us to a life of faith and love.

Give us the strength and courage to say yes to your invitation
as we worship you, our good and holy God.

[Hymn](#)

O Worship the King

tune: LYONS

*O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*

*O tell of God's might and sing of God's grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
God's chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.*

*Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

[Invitation to Confession](#)

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence. Let us confess our sin.

Corporate Confession of Sin

God of the wind and the sea, we confess that like your first disciples we have doubted—even after seeing your mighty works. You invite us to be brave, but we are more familiar with fear. You invite us to trust you, but we'd rather trust wind and gravity. You invite us to believe in ourselves, but we have never been good at that. You invite us to move—to change and take a risk— But we stay planted where we are, afraid of the ways growth might hurt. Forgive us for our self-doubt, fear and unbelief. We believe, despite our unbelief. By your Spirit, grant us faith, that we may demonstrate our trust in you by being at peace, even when all around is in turmoil.

Hear us as we approach you with our silent confession.

(A time of silent confession)

Hear our prayers this day. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

The deepest longing of our hearts is to be forgiven and embraced by our God.

So Friends, hear and believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made righteous. Thanks be to God. Amen.

[Gloria Patri](#)

[Welcome and Announcements](#)

Jodi Fondell

[Blessing of the Children](#)

Allison Wheeler

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

Prayer for Illumination

Doug Fondell

[The First Lesson - Romans 10:5-15](#)

Jim Lockwood-Stewart

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

[Musical Offering](#)

Recit: And God said, let the waters

Josef Haydn

*And God said, "Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together,
And let the dry land appear:" and it was so. And God called the dry land earth,
and the gathering of the waters called he seas: And God saw that it was good.*

Air: Rolling in foaming billows

Rolling in foaming billows, roars the boisterous sea.

Mountains and rocks now emerge; their tops among the clouds.

Frédéric Goncalves, soloist Fred Gramann, organ

[The Second Lesson - Matthew 14:22-33](#)

Kate Snipes

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

[Sermon](#)

The Eye of the Storm

Doug Fondell

[Musical Offering](#)

Oceans

Matt Crocker, Joel Houston, Salomon Ligthelm

Alexia Rabé, piano, vocals; Florence Hennequin, cello;

Natalie Raynal, backing vocals; Produced by John Arndt

Verse 1

*You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find you in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand*

Chorus

*And I will call upon your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in your embrace
For I am yours and you are mine*

Verse 2

*Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and you won't start now*

Chorus

*Spirit lead me where
My trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever you would call me
Take me deeper
Than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior*

Chorus

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

Jodi Fondell

[The Offering of Tithes and Gifts](#)

[Offertory Solo](#)

Vouchsafe, O Lord
*Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us as our trust is in thee.*
Frédéric Goncalves, soloist Fred Gramann, organ

G.F. Handel

[Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings](#)

Jodi Fondell

[Hymn](#)

Out on the Sea, the Winds Were Strong

tune: KINGSFOLD

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*Out on the sea, the winds were strong; the stormy waves were high;
There Jesus' friends were filled with fear when he came walking by.
"Take heart, for it is I!" he said, and helping Peter stand,
He calmed the storm and stirred their hearts; God's world was in his hand.*

*The blind, the poor, the outcast too, found Christ to be their friend.
"Have mercy!" Bartimaeus said. "I want to see again."
With great compassion and with grace, Christ gave him back his sight.
Through deeds of power, deeds of love, he filled our world with light.*

*O Lord, we see your wondrous signs and know through faith-filled eyes:
You are new wine that brings us joy, true bread that satisfies.
You give clear vision to your church, you make the wounded whole.
You give us hope, when seas are rough; for you are in control!*

[Benediction](#)

Doug Fondell

[Congregational Amen](#)

Announcements

Sanctuary Worship Registration: You will be able to sign up for Sunday 11h00 "Worship in the Sanctuary" each week via a web link on 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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