



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

13 June 2021, 11h00

Welcome to this service of Worship in the Sanctuary

For the health and safety of us all, we worship respecting Covid-19 pandemic protocols. We kindly invite you to keep your masks on throughout worship, and to refrain from greeting your neighbor using touch (hugs, handshakes, etc.).

Please speak prayers aloud as led by our pastors.

The offering plates will not be passed but will be located at stations as you enter and exit the Sanctuary. Please make your offering to God with a generous heart here today or electronically at acparis.org/donate.

When leaving the sanctuary, please follow the guidance of ushers, and maintain safe physical distancing. Remember to take your bulletin with you when you leave or recycle it in the designated bin on your way out.

Thank you for joining us today!

We Gather

Prelude

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Jean Langlais

Fanfare

John Cook

Fred Gramann, *organist*

Welcome and Greeting

Odette Lockwood-Stewart

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

† Call to Worship

Victor Greene

We come to witness a miracle.

To proclaim the miracle of God's steadfast love.

New life bursts forth in unexpected ways.

God's covenant endures forever.

Come, let us worship in the name and in the way of Jesus.

**For Jesus has called us to be instruments of God's love,
compassion, justice and peace.**

Let us worship God,

We celebrate the power of God's presence here and now.

† Tolling Bells Call to Confession

† Prayer of Common Confession

Gracious God, whose love surrounds us even when we are unaware of it, we confess that we have not claimed the power of your presence. We have let fears control us, and resentments diminish our capacity to live the abundant lives. Forgive our sins, transform our resentments, and fill us once again with the assurance that we are your beloved children, and are worthy in your sight. This we pray in the name and spirit of Jesus. Amen.

† Silent Prayers of Confession

In Jesus' Name, we pray. **Amen.**

† Words of Assurance

If anyone is in Christ Jesus, that person is a new creation.
The old has passed away, the new has come.
God's Good News is that we are forgiven and freed for new life!
Thanks be to God!

† Passing of the Peace

Music Allegro *Joseph-Hector Fiocco*
Carol Mundinger, *clarinet* Fred Gramann, *piano*

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

Doug Fondell

The Sacrament of Baptism for Jeremie and Emilie Carrere

Children of Emmanuel Carrere and Fion Lim Carrere

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." We baptize those whom He has called to be His own. Through the sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's church and incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation, given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. We celebrate what God has done in you and for you.

Jeremie, Emilie: in presenting yourself for baptism, you announce your faith in Jesus Christ, and show that you want to know, love, and serve Him as His chosen disciple. On this special day, you are not alone. You are supported by your parents, your family, your family of faith here at the American Church in Paris. Show your purpose by answering these questions:

Pastor: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jeremie and Emilie: **JESUS CHRIST IS MY LORD AND SAVIOR.**

Pastor: Do you trust in Jesus Christ?

Jeremie and Emilie: I DO.

Pastor: Will you be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, obeying his word, showing his love, and putting your whole trust in his grace?

Jeremie and Emilie: I WILL.

Pastor: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil and injustice in whatever forms they present themselves?

Jeremie and Emilie: I DO.

Pastor: Do you promise to seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be and to support the ministry and mission of the church as God calls you?

Jeremie and Emilie: I DO.

~ The congregation stands. ~

Pastor: Do you, the members of this congregation, in the name of the whole church of Christ, promise to welcome Jeremie and Emilie and encourage them to grow as a disciples of Jesus Christ?

CONGREGATION: *WE DO.*

Pastor: Will you endeavor, by your example and fellowship, to strengthen their family ties with the household of God?

CONGREGATION: *WE WILL.*

Pastor: Then with one voice, let us say what we believe, using the Apostles' Creed, a statement of faith affirmed by Christians around the world over the centuries:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ Congregation is seated. ~

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 54:13-14

All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children.

In righteousness you shall be established; You shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear.

Baptisms

Prayer: Gracious God, you are the giver of all good gifts. Thank you for the gift of life and for the gift of new life in your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Thank you for the water of baptism.

We pray for Jeremie and Emilie and ask you to give them grace to grow in your Word and Spirit as disciples of Jesus.

May they celebrate the good news of your love so that they may come to the full knowledge of salvation through faith in you, and share their gifts for ministry and mission wherever they may be.

***ALL:* Holy God, remind us all of the promises given in our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. By your grace, may we live in the hope of the resurrection and serve you with joy, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

Presentation of Baptismal Certificate

Music This is My Commandment *Donald Hustad*
Philip James Glenister, *soloist* Fred Gramann, *piano*

We Hear the Word

The First Lesson – Exodus 14:10-22

Caleb Shao

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have

you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians?’ For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so, I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.”

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so, the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music Recit: I go on my way in the strength of the Lord *F. Mendelssohn*
Aria: For the mountains shall depart
Frédéric Goncalves, *soloist* Fred Gramann, *piano*

The Second Lesson – Mark 6:30-44

Sophie Lisbonis

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd;

and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?” And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.” When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.”

Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

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Sermon

Miracles

Kate Snipes

A Moment of Silent Meditation

Ringing of the Bells

We Respond and Are Sent into the World

Blessing and Sending Forth of the Youth

Youth graduating this year: Adele Amouroux (She/Her), Henrik Berger (He/Him), Audrey Ell (She/Her), Caleb Shao (He/Him), Sophie Lisbonis (She/Her)

Youth Moving Away: Indy B. (She/Her)

Youth Leaders: Oyinda Asani (She/Her), Eric Taquet (He/Him), Josh Veit (He/Him)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (in your mother tongue)
Invitation and Prayer for the Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Jodi Fondell

Ringing of the Bells

We welcome Pastoral Intern Kate Snipes to the pulpit today!

Kate Snipes felt called to pursue ministry many years ago, and in January 2011 took the first step toward responding by starting a Masters of Divinity at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. Ten years and three continents later she is reaching completion of the degree and has a pastoral internship at the American Church in Paris as a part of her studies. She is grateful for God's gift of ACP's diverse community and the many women of ACP Women's Fellowship who have stayed a close community during the pandemic year. Kate believes that Christ is the true leader of every worship service and that as disciples we honor God by approaching everyone we touch with the heart of Christ.

The American Church in Paris Online Community

Welcome to worship! We are so glad that you are here! During the Covid-19 pandemic, the **American Church in Paris** remains a vibrant community with online resources for worship, learning, spiritual formation, and Christian discipleship. In addition to in-person worship in our sanctuary, ACP posts **livestreamed worship, Children's Worship and much more** at acparis.org. Please continue to check our website for the latest news and to participate in new opportunities every week. Our mission is **"to bear witness in word and deed to the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ."**

Announcements

Sunday Worship: Children's Worship Online is at acparis.org starting at 9h. Traditional Worship is in the Sanctuary at 11h, and is livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube (see acparis.org for links). We are building a volunteer tech team to run the livestream each week; contact secretary@acparis.org if you would like to join the team! Contemporary Worship is in the Sanctuary at 14h. Registration is required for both Worship in the Sanctuary services; see acparis.org Mondays at 12h to reserve your seats.

In need of prayer? 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.

Volunteer Editor for *The Spire*: ACP's thriving monthly magazine *The Spire* is looking for a volunteer editor-in-chief. Interested? Please contact communications@acparis.org.

ACP Weekly

Sundays via Zoom – Coffee Fellowship Online: Join this Sunday for fellowship time on Zoom at 12h15. *Note, we will no longer "view" the service together on zoom but invite you to join the live stream at 11h via YouTube or Facebook.* If you would like the Zoom link for Coffee Fellowship, please register at: acparis.org/worship-fellowship.

African Fellowship Online: Sundays 16h-17h via Zoom. The first Sunday of each month is the Fellowship and additional Sundays in the month will be Bible study. Please register for the Zoom details at acparis.org.

Silent Prayer Thursdays at ACP: Thursdays at 19h-20h 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. This period is 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.

Children's Ministries

Children's Worship Online: Sundays online starting at 9h. Visit acparis.org for link or contact Allison Wheeler at childrensworship@acparis.org.

ACP Children's Music Ministry program 2021: The ACP children's choirs will continue via online choir rehearsals sent as private YouTube video links to watch, alternating with Zoom rehearsals. See acparis.org/childrensmusic for registration.

Vacation Bible School 2021: Monday-Thursday, 23-26 August, 9h-12h each day. Our theme is "Knights of the North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor," which "invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God." All children from ages 3-10 are welcome, and you can register here acparis.org/VBS2021.

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Youth: People Power. Sundays through 27 June at 15h30 via Zoom.

Young Adults: Mary's Playlist: Listen. Chat. Pray. Repeat. Featuring selected songs from the *Rolling Stone's* top 500 songs of all time playlist, YAYA gatherings will use the art / artists as interlocutors to help exegete the ways Mary's song (Luke 1:46-55) is imprinted on the Resurrected body of Jesus and on the world that is, the world we hope to be, and the world we hope to come. Join us! May 2021, online – and maybe, in person should COVID protocols change. For more information contact Pastor Victor Greene at youthpastor@acparis.org.

Adult Ministries

Wednesday Evening Adult Learning at ACP: Through 23 June, 19h30-21h00 via Zoom. Join us as we embark on a new learning journey focused on John's Letter of Hope to the Seven Churches of Revelation. For more information and to register for the Zoom link, please visit acparis.org.

ACP Women's Fellowship: Today at 16h via Zoom. ACP member Teri Lee Valluy will discuss the book of Esther, specifically 14 lessons she's learned from Esther's story and how she's applied those to her life. 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, please sign up at acparis.org.

Men's Morning Bible Study at ACP: Thursdays 7h30-8h30 via Zoom.
acparis.org/men-thursday.

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 blue rectangular graphic with a central circular logo made of colorful geometric shapes. On the left, the text 'The American Church in Paris' and 'www.acparis.org' is written vertically. On the right, the text 'WELCOME to ACP' is at the top, followed by a list of actions: 'Learn about us', 'Get involved', 'Become a member', 'Request a prayer or other help', and 'Support us'. Below this list is a QR code. At the bottom right, the URL 'acparis.org/welcome' is displayed. A small circular logo is also present in the bottom left corner.

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Meet our new Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Paul Rock, who will be joining us in August 2021!



The Rev. Dr. Paul Thomas Rock grew up in Concord, Massachusetts, Springfield, Virginia, and Stillwater, Minnesota. Paul has been engaged in mission and pastoral work for 25 years, beginning with a three-year stint as a tent-maker missionary in Budapest, Hungary. He served as an associate pastor in Santa Clarita, CA (Los Angeles area) and at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian in New York City before coming to Second Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Missouri. He received his Doctor of Ministry in 2011 from Drew University. He earned his Master of Divinity with honors from Fuller Theological Seminary in 1998. Paul has two books published by Westminster John Knox Press.

Paul is a disciple of Jesus Christ for many reasons. He has always been spiritually inclined and curious and was raised in a loving family where Christian faith and practice shaped routines and formed character. Through three years of mission work and three years of seminary, God's Spirit lovingly helped Paul reconstruct his young adult faith and he fell in love with the Jesus of his Reformed heritage. He is tremendously thankful that, throughout his life-long faith journey, he has never felt separated from God's immense and encompassing love for him. Therefore, he is, and continues to be, a thankful and committed follower of Jesus Christ. In Paul's own words, "Jesus's love claims me and gives my life hope, sustaining strength and purpose. In response, I try to know, love, serve and follow Christ each day."

Paul's understanding of the Church is that it is a diverse community composed of imperfect people, filled with the Spirit, through whom God continues Christ's work of reconciliation and healing in the world. As a part of this community, we are all invited to embrace our priestly calling and grow in knowledge, faith and skill so that each of us can be actively engaged in the furtherance of God's Kingdom. As a pastor, Paul understands he is not the shepherd, Christ is.

Ministers of the American Church in Paris

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The Ministry of the American Church depends on you

The American Church's operating costs depend primarily on the generosity of its members and alumni around the world who have been touched by its ministry. If you wish your gift to be tax-deductible in the United States, you must make your check payable to our parent organization "The American and Foreign Christian Union" (AFCU) and put the words "for ACP Stewardship" on the memo line of your check. In France, your gift in Euros is deductible under the category "*réduction pour dons à des organismes d'intérêt général.*" The church issues year-end receipts of giving acceptable for French tax authorities. Contributions in either euros or US dollars are accepted by both the ACP and the AFCU. To find out more about how you can help secure the future of the ACP through bequests, charitable trusts, and other forms of planned giving, please speak to one of the pastors. If you would like to set up recurring electronic fund transfers to facilitate giving, please visit acparis.org to find out how.



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ACP Vacation Bible School 2021



Knights of the North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor

Place: American Church in Paris

Dates: Monday to Thursday, 23-26 August

Times: 9h-12h

Who: Children ages 3-10

Please mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School at ACP. Our theme is "**Knights of the North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor**," which "invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God."

All children from ages 3-10 are welcome. Although the program will be conducted primarily in English, VBS is for open to all children regardless of spoken language or level of ability, ages 3-10 years old.

As long as it remains safe and prudent to do so, we will be hosting VBS in person! This means that we will need lots of adult volunteers to assist, so please contact Allison Wheeler, Children's Ministry Director at childrensworship@acparis.org if you'd like to join us as a knight at the VBS roundtable.

Register your child at acparis.org.