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of Everything

The American Church in London
is a Christ-centered community of faith for all people, in the heart of this great city.
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Order of Worship

◆ **Introit and Call to Worship**

Scott Stroman

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Leader: O Father, who created us in love,

People: Create us anew in love as we worship you.

Leader: O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love,

People: Reclaim our hearts as we worship you.

Leader: O Holy Spirit, who moves this world according to God's purposes,

People: Move within us as we worship you. Amen.

◆ **Hymn of Praise**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Pilgrim Hymnal 16

◆ **Welcome and News of the Church**

Rev. John D'Elia

◆ **Prayer of Confession**

Stephanie Kremmel

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.

Set us free to serve you in the world you made and love,
as agents of your reconciling grace.

It is in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, that we offer our prayer.

(Take a moment to offer your own confession in silence.)

◆ **We Respond to God's Forgiveness**

All Things Come From You

Stroman

All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own do we give you.

◆ **Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 61

Stuart Brown

Junior Choir rehearsal in the Choir Room **Welcome to The American Church in London!**

Today we welcome **Terry Tennens**, Executive Director of International Justice Mission (UK). IJM is one of our mission partners here at ACL, and we hope you are blessed and challenged by Terry's message today.

If you are a visitor, please PRINT your contact information in the red folders at the end of every pew.

A Warm Invitation to our Coffee Hour. Join us in the Main Hall downstairs for refreshment and fellowship. A big Thank You goes to Beth and Janet Reyes for hosting coffee hour today!

Gift Aid: If you are a UK taxpayer we can claim Gift Aid (a tax rebate) on your plate offering! Please put your offering in the YELLOW Gift Aid envelope, with your first and last name, signature, and date. Thank you!

Announcements

- ❖ **University Fellowship** every other Monday evening, we will meet at a local coffee shop from 6-7:30 for a time of fellowship and discussion. Our next meeting will be January 30th. This winter we will read through *King's Cross* together. Please contact Stephanie if you are interested!
- ❖ **Next week we begin a journey through the Gospel of Mark** that will take us through Easter. Take this week to read this fast-paced account of Jesus' ministry, and for further study read Timothy Keller's short book on Mark titled, *King's Cross*.
- ❖ **Cold Weather Shelter 2012** We'll continue this ministry every Wednesday through March 28th. We are looking for dinner, night, and breakfast shift volunteers to join our team. Contact Stephanie for more information!
- ❖ **Men's Fellowship** Join the ACL Men's Fellowship at the rugby match to see London Welsh take on Doncaster. We will be meeting in Richmond at 12:30pm on 4 February 2012. It's a great afternoon and part of the 'British Experience!' Tickets are £20 and can be purchased on the day. Contact Ben Cooper on [ben.cooper7@gmail](mailto:ben.cooper7@gmail.com) for further details.
- ❖ **International Justice Mission** is our featured mission partner this month, there will more information downstairs at coffee hour.

- ❖ **Men's Fellowship** Join the ACL Men's Fellowship as they gather at Fitzrovia Restaurant at 7pm on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Contact Ben Cooper Ben.Cooper7@gmail.com for more information.
- ❖ **Sunday School Classes** --Middle, High School and Adult classes meet on Sundays at 9.45am, Children's Sunday School (ages 3-10) meet at 11am.
- ❖ **Did you know you can dedicate the Flowers for the Chancel?** All you need to do is email info@amchurch.co.uk with your dedication, preferred date, and any color/flower suggestions.
- ❖ **Coffee Hour Hosts.** If you would like to host the coffee hour in the coming months, please talk to Jan Bagby or email her at ACLCoffeeRota@hotmail.com
- ❖ **Updated ACL Directory** – if you would like to be included or have your entry updated please go to www.amchurch.co.uk and click on the Opt-in link at the bottom of the home page, state the details you want included and send the email to directory@amchurch.co.uk It's as easy as that!

John's Suggested Reading: Books for Christian Growth

The Dangerous Act of Loving Your Neighbor, by Mark Labberton

The Jesus Creed, by Scot McKnight

King's Cross, by Tim Keller

Love Wins, by Rob Bell

The Blue Parakeet, by Scot McKnight

Worship Matters, by Bob Kauflin

Evolving in Monkey Town, by Rachel Held Evans

Everyday Justice, by Julie Clawson

The Life You've Always Wanted, by John Ortberg

Simply Christian, by Tom Wright

Christ-Centered Worship, by Bryan Chapell

Welcome to the American Church in London!

We are a Christian community in the heart of this city, open to all people seeking Christ's touch and blessing. A healthy church is built on Jesus Christ and expressed through *fellowship, worship, discipleship* and *mission*. And so as God's church we live to fellowship sincerely, worship actively, grow in our knowledge and understanding of Jesus, and to offer ourselves in service to this community and the world.

Welcome—we're glad you've decided to join us today.

In worship we...

Praise the Lord in song
Hear the Word of God proclaimed in preaching
Profess our faith in God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Offer prayers of petition and thanks
Confess our sins and receive words of pardon
Share freely in the sacraments, communion and baptism
Give gifts in support of the church's work.

An Invitation to Prayer

Prayer is a dynamic and vital part of our journey of faith in Jesus Christ. We pray, not as we shop for goods—with a list in hand and limited funds to spend—but rather as faithful people bringing our hopes and fears before God, whose love and power and resources have no end. In prayer we learn to align our vision and desires with those of God himself, and in the process become mature disciples, ready for service.

We invite you to join us in this journey of discovery!

Please pray:

For the vision and ministry of this church
For the specific needs of individuals and families in our community
For the world—for peace, justice and the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.