



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Mission Sunday

October 12, 2014

A Meditation before Worship

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

- from Mark 12: 31

Fort Street Presbyterian Church

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Gathering the Community

Our focus during October:
*A Missional Church:
Our Congregation Reaching Out*

ORGAN PRELUDES

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME

Dr. Sharon L. Mook

INTROIT

"Let the Worshippers Arise"
Children and Youth from *Second Mile Center*
Under the direction of Ruth Azar and Lawrence Lorkowski

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 65)

One: O God, who hears our prayers, we sing our songs of praise.
Many: Happy are the people who draw near to you.
One: With power and justice you, Holy One, love the world.
Many: You answer us. You deliver us.
One: Our lives are filled with blessings.
Many: We trust in you.
One: We fulfill our vows to you.
Many: We stand in awe of you.
One: God, who hears our prayers, we sing our songs of praise.
**All: We worship God with our whole lives,
Ready to follow, ready to be disciples of Jesus.**

*HYMN # 434 (PH)

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in unison)

God of justice and truth, you fill our lives with good gifts, then call us to use our gifts to care for the world, and for all of your children. Sometimes you call us to go to new places. Sometimes you call us to stay right where we are. Many times we fail to hear you, we ignore the work you have for us, we distract ourselves with many things. Wherever you call us to be, whatever work you call us to do, may we find the courage to say "yes," and to commit our lives to the ongoing ministry of the Living Christ, seeking to follow the Jesus way.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS

(in silence)

RESPONSE IN SONG # 343

(PH) *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"* (v. 1)

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE *(based on Jeremiah 1: 4 - 10 and Isaiah 6:8)*

One: Before you were born, God dedicated you.
**Many: What if I don't know how to speak?
What if I am too young?
What if I am too old?
What if I am too afraid?**
One: Go wherever you are sent. Say whatever God commands you to speak.

Many: We will fear no one, for God is with us, to protect us.
One: See, the Spirit puts Holy words in your mouth.
Many: Feel the Divine Love in your heart, whispering, "Whom shall I send?"
One: Who will go for us?
All: Empowered by the Spirit, we respond, "Here I am, send me

RESPONSE IN SONG # 343 (PH) "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (v. 2)

*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1: 17; 12: 28 - 31
(pp. 33,46 in pew Bible)
God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM "You Raise Me Up"
Children and Youth from *Second Mile Center*
Under the direction of Ruth Azar and Lawrence Lorkowski

SECOND READING Matthew 25: 35 - 40
(p. 27 in pew Bible)
God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Praise the Lord, O Heavens Adore Him" -Hal Hopson
The Worship Choir
Edward Kingins, Music Director

SERMON "Lord, When Was It?" Ruth Azar

*HYMN "The Summons"
(see insert)

THE RESPONSE

*AN AFFIRMATION (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,**

**forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

*RESPONSE IN SONG # 343 (PH) *“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”* (vv. 3 - 4)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT
(Feel free to use the language and words closest to your heart)

OUR OFFERING TO GOD
(Loose offering will be used by the Deacons for their work.)

OFFERTORY

Ray Staroscik

*DOXOLOGY # 591 (PH)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN # 411 (PH) *“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
(Please sit quietly enjoying the postlude as part of your worship experience.)

Ruth Azar

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Ray Staroscik

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*You are invited to rise in body or spirit at your discretion

This morning, we welcome to the pulpit Ruth Azar, Director of the Second Mile Center of Detroit. Ms. Azar is the first born American child from parents of Syria and Lebanon. Ruth’s five older siblings were born in Tripoli, Lebanon; her two younger siblings were born in America. Ruth grew up on the East Side of Detroit until middle school. After her family moved, she graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School. While working at a CPA firm in downtown, Ruth attended college. She enjoyed a successful career in public accounting, having her own practice for over thirty years in forensic accounting. Ruth is an Elder, under the care of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, and is in the lay pastor program at Maumee Valley Presbytery and the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. Currently, she is doing her internship at South Lyon Presbyterian Church. As a child Ruth wanted ten children, and in addition to her daughter Angelique and her son Dylan, she has raised six other children.

In Spring of 2005, God spoke to Ruth when she was in Mexali, Mexico, on a mission trip. The single word she heard was “follow.” By the end of 2005, God’s plan was revealed to her, and following that plan, in February, 2007, she opened the Second Mile Center. As founder of the center, Ruth serves as the visionary and executive director. Ruth joyfully serves the Lord and God’s beloved children. God granted her wish, and she now has more than 200 children under her care.

Second Mile Center of Detroit is a non-profit organization serving underprivileged children, youth and adults in a neighborhood highly concentrated with blight, crime and poverty. The Center gives a message of hope, shares the love of Christ and builds relationships through a variety of no-cost programs and services, including after-school programs with dinners, summer day camp, community dinners, clothing and food pantry, annual health fair, computer lab, sign mime worship lessons, step dance lessons, life skills, arts, recreation and field trips. The center is a safe haven for the community and continues to expand its services and outreach.

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A NOTE ABOUT OUR HYMNALS

To clarify which hymnal we are using for a particular hymn, please note that when (*PH*) follows the hymn number, we are singing from *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (blue). When (*GG*) follows the hymn number, we are singing from *Glory to God* (new, purple hymnal). At this time, we have a limited number of new hymnals, so please share with someone sitting near you. When we are using *Glory to God*, you will receive a copy as you enter the sanctuary. Please return all *Glory to God* hymnals to the Narthex as you leave the sanctuary.

PASTORAL VISITATION TEAM

Would you like to be part of a Pastoral Visitation Team, helping Fort Street to provide more care to our members and friends? Several of our deacons and session members have signed up, but more are always needed. If you want to become part of this team, please contact the pastor right away. Initial and ongoing training will be provided, you will be given a name of someone to visit, and you may be surprised how your own life will be transformed. The first meeting and training session for the Pastoral Visitation Team will be **Sunday, October 26, 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the McMillan Room.**

Acolyte	Emeka Uduma
Sound Technician	Nancy Jackson
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
Reception Coordinator	Valerie Edwards
Worship Coordinator	Kalu Uduma

FORT STREET STAFF:

Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; Ben Ogden, Director of Open Door; Edward Kingins, Music Director; La-Monica Harris, Finance Office Temp; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; Kenneth McCoy, Building Engineer; Donna Bryant, Bob Haynes, Parking Security; Marilyn Moore, Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff; Stacey Kershaw, Johnnie Hester, Cheryl Glidden, Open Door Staff.

Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:

- Large Print Hymnals
- Hearing Assist System
- Wheelchair Access Ramp
- Wheelchair Seating--locations available in the sanctuary
- Handicap Restroom--using elevator to second floor

We are delighted that you are here!

- * Visit the information and display tables in the Church House.
- * Large print bulletins and hymnals are available.
- * Capable and loving nursery attendants are ready to care for little ones through age 4 during the service. Ask an usher for directions.
- * A tape recording and CDs of today's service and/or previous services may be ordered in the Church House after worship @ \$3.00 each.
- * You may add to the beauty of our weekly worship by contributing a floral donation. Flowers are usually given in memory of or in honor of persons or events. Contact Pam Sharrow at Sharrow13@gmail.com. The church office will contact you for your floral dedication.

Pastor

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Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley

Prayers for Military loved ones.

Lt. Harrison L Coleman USN, Taylor Hansen USMC, Jonathan Heyler, SSGT Shanell Howard AFB, Sgt. Christopher King, Capt. Michael Kurtti, Lt. Theo Moran USAF, Alta Morrison, Lt. Jon Palmer USA, Lt. Marty Palmer USA, Charles Andrew Parsons II USN, USMC Captain Katy Spicer Hess, Alexander Szelestey, USMC, Lt. Mark Webster.

Prayer List for the month of October 2014

Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, The Claire family, Lorraine/Harrison Coleman family, Dombrowski family, Bobbie Edwards, FSPC, Rose Grosscup, Shannon Howard, Maria Hughley, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Kingins family, Leaming family, Lemus family, Don/Virginia Lorimer, Karen Marcil, Dan Muench, Cheryl Myers, Sarah Morgan, Jerry Naragon, Derrick Parker/family, Richard Petrie, Easter Ponder, Jennie/David Poole, Richard/Suellen Sale family, and the Mook family.

FLAGS OF THE WORLD

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| 1. Argentina | 18. Guatemala | 35. Mexico | 52. South Korea |
| 2. Australia | 19. Hungary | 36. Nepal | 53. Spain |
| 3. Belgium | 20. Iceland | 37. Netherlands | 54. Sweden |
| 4. Bolivia | 21. India | 38. New Zealand | 55. Taiwan |
| 5. Brazil | 22. Ireland | 39. Nigeria | 56. Thailand |
| 6. Cameroon | 23. Israel | 40. Norway | 57. Turkey |
| 7. Canada | 24. Italy | 41. Panama | 58. Ukraine |
| 8. Chile | 25. Ivory Coast | 42. Papua New Guinea | 59. United Kingdom |
| 9. Colombia | 26. Jamaica | 43. Paraguay | 60. United States |
| 10. Cuba | 27. Japan | 44. Philippines | 61. Venezuela |
| 11. Czech Republic | 28. Jordon | 45. Poland | 62. Zambia |
| 12. Denmark | 29. Kenya | 46. Portugal | 63. Zimbabwe |
| 13. Ecuador | 30. Kuwait | 47. Russia | |
| 14. Finland | 31. Lesotho | 48. Scotland | |
| 15. France | 32. United Nations | 49. Senegal | |
| 16. Germany | 33. Liberia | 50. Solomon Islands | |
| 17. Greece | 34. Lithuania | 51. South Africa | |