



**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2014**

Before Worship, Think on These Things

Fort Street's presence in the city:

A Spiritual Beacon in Downtown Detroit

A Spiritual Oasis in Downtown Detroit

A Spiritual Home in Downtown Detroit

Welcoming All of God's Children
to a place of safety and compassion,
to a place of challenge and renewal

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Gathering the Community
Our focus during the summer months:
“Making space for the Spirit to move powerfully”

PRELUDE Ray Staroscik
Pianist

WELCOME Tom Edwards

INTROIT Ray Staroscik

*CALL TO WORSHIP Tom Edwards
(from Psalm 105)

One: O, give thanks to the Lord, call on God’s name!
Many: Make known God’s deeds among the peoples.
One: Sing to the Holy One--sing praises, and tell of all God’s wonderful works.
Many: Glory in God’s holy name.
One: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Many: Seek the Lord. Turn to God’s strength.
One: Seek the presence of the Holy continually.
All: Let us worship our God!

*HYMN # 276 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION Tom Edwards

One: Loving God, thank you for your presence that can be seen in all creation.
Thank you for your love that can be felt
when we take time to engage the stranger.
In the midst of a world that seems lost, we find hope in you.
Many: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty.
One: Merciful God, in your presence, we confess our sin and the sin of the world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves.
We often look to those around us for answers
when we should look to you.
**All: Help us, O God, to be examples of your love.
Forgive us and set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling Love in Jesus Christ.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS *(in silence)*

RESPONSE IN SONG # 316 *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (v. 1)*

THE ASSURANCE Charon Barconey

RESPONSE IN SONG # 316 *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (v. 2)*

*SHARING THE PEACE Tom Edwards

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

THE WORD

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 128 <i>(p. 541 in pew Bible)</i> God's Word for us. Thanks be to God.	Tom Edwards
PRAYERS WITH THE CHILDREN		Motoko Huthwaite
SECOND READING	Romans 8:26-39 <i>(p. 148 in pew Bible)</i> God's Word for us. Thanks be to God.	Charon Barconey
ANTHEM		Ray Staroscik
SERMON	"Don't Worry, Be Happy"	Charon Barconey
*HYMN # 322	<i>"Spirit of the Living God"</i>	

THE RESPONSE

*AN AFFIRMATION	<i>(from The Confession of 1967)</i>	Tom Edwards
We believe that God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which we are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves. We believe that in spite of our sin, the Holy Spirit gives us power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and to proclaim the good news of reconciliation to all.		
*RESPONSE IN SONG # 316	<i>"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"</i>	(v. 3)
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT	<i>(Feel free to use the language and words closest to your heart)</i>	Charon Barconey
OUR OFFERING TO GOD	<i>(Loose offering will be used by the Deacons for their work.)</i>	
OFFERTORY		Ray Staroscik
*DOXOLOGY # 591	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		Tom Edwards
*HYMN # 464	<i>"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"</i>	

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Charon Barconey

(Please sit quietly enjoying the postlude as part of your worship experience.)

POSTLUDE

Ray Staroscik



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

This morning, we welcome to the pulpit Charon Barconey. Ms. Barconey is a graduate of the *Ecumenical Theological Seminary* in Detroit, and currently is serving as the *Youth Mission Consultant* for the Presbytery of Detroit. She is an ordained elder, a fourth generation Presbyterian, and in the process of becoming a Commissioned Ruling Elder.

Dr. Mook is on vacation with her family, enjoying a time of relaxation and renewal. She looks forward to being back with you as we begin an exciting fall together here at Fort Street, boldly moving out into our Detroit community.

If you need assistance while the Pastor is out of the office, please contact Lola Fryer Davidson, at the Church Office: 313-961-4533. For emergencies, when Lola cannot be reached at the office, please call Lola's personal number which can be found in the church directory.

Thank you for gathering with us for worship this morning. Following worship, refreshments will be served in the Keely Commons. Please join us!

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME

Throughout the summer, worship services will begin at **10:00 a.m.** and be held in the Great Hall, which is air conditioned. Worship will return to the Sanctuary, and to the 11:00 a.m. time, on September 7. If you are visiting during the summer and would like a tour of the church, including the sanctuary, please talk with one of the ushers.

FALL ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Some Presbyterians, including some Fort Streeters, are questioning positions taken by the PCUSA at the recent General Assembly earlier this summer right here in Detroit. This historic Assembly left some ecstatic with what they understand as justice finally gained in the PCUSA for LGBTQ sisters and brothers. Others are wondering if we, as a denomination, have lost our scriptural grounding.

Beginning in September, you are invited to join in respectful and informed conversation about love, marriage, and sexuality with the Pastor and with others in our faith community. In our conversations, all perspectives will be respected, and all persons will be honored.

For this class, we will be using a recent book by Mark Achtemeier, who shares how and why his heart was changed when he took a personal journey of delving deeply into our scriptures. In *The Bible's Yes to Same-Sex Marriage: An Evangelical's Change of Heart*, Achtemeier explains how his in-depth study of the Bible led him from being a conservative, evangelical opponent of gay rights to becoming a strong supporter of a fully inclusive church and of same-sex marriage. As we talk about Achtemeier's new insights into the biblical message, come and discover what message God may have for you at this time in your life.

On **September 14, from 9:00 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. in the McMillan Room**, Dr. Mook will begin leading this several-week-long Bible study. You can purchase the book we will be using online from Amazon, or from The Thoughtful Christian, or reserve your copy by calling Joan Poole, Chair of the Spiritual Life Committee, or Janet Bunt, Vice-chair of the Spiritual Life Committee.

Liturgist
Acolyte
Sound Technician
Videographer
Reception Coordinator

Tom Edwards
Emeka Uduma
Twiler French
Randy Commissaris
Agnes Lewis and Princess

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

FORT STREET STAFF:

Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; Ben Ogden, Director of Open Door; Edward Kingins, Music Director; LaMonica 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.

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 August 2014

Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Derek/Maxine Bloodworth family, Carla Brooks, The Claire family, Yvonne Cameron, Coleman family, Bobbie Edwards, Rose Grosscup, Shannon Howard, Hudson family, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Lemus family, Don/Virginia Lorimer, Karen Marcil, Cheryl Myers, Sarah Morgan, Jerry Naragon, Derrick Parker/family, Kathy Payne/family, Kevin Pearson, Richard Petrie, Easter Ponder, David Poole, Price family, Lisa Sakkab, Richard/Suellen Sale family, David Shillito, Benjamin Solomons/family, Turner family, Wanda Sumner, Patricia Walsh.