



**Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 8, 2015**

**A Meditation before Worship**

*Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?*

*Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not hide yourself from your own kin?*

Isaiah :58-6-7

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# Gathering the Community

ORGAN PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik  
Organist

WELCOME

Dr. Melrose

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT # 399 (GTG)    *“God Welcomes All” (sung 3 times)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Judith Sheldon

Leader: God invites us to see the presence of the Holy in all the earth.  
God calls us to find sacred signposts in our own lives.  
God tells us:

**People: In my foolishness, find your wisdom.  
In my weakness, find your strength.**

Leader: God tells us:

**People: In my laws, find freedom.  
In my anger, find justice.**

Leader: God tells us:

**People: In dying, find life.  
In endings, find new beginnings.**

\*HYMN # 610 (GTG)

*“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

Judith Sheldon

**Holy God, you gave commandments to your chosen people that they might live together before you. We would rather argue about them than live by them. Some of us have made idols of them; Some of us consider them quaint and irrelevant.**

**O God, in your mercy, forgive us. Remind us that even your foolishness is wiser than we can imagine. Remind us that your commandments are sweeter than honey. Write your law on our hearts, that we might live for you.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS    *(in silence)*

RESPONSE IN SONG # 695 (GTG)

*“Change My Heart, O God”*

THE ASSURANCE

Dr. Melrose

RESPONSE IN SONG # 645 (GTG)

*“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (V.1)*

\*SHARING THE PEACE

Judith Sheldon

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

## THE WORD

- OLD TESTAMENT READING                      Exodus 20: 1 – 17                      Judith Sheldon  
*(pp. 63-64 in pew Bibles)*  
God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**
- SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN                      *The youth join* Dr. Melrose
- ANTHEM                      *"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"*    - arr. Richard Proulx  
The Worship Choir  
Edward Kingins, Music Director
- GOSPEL READING                      John 2:13-22                      Dr. Melrose  
*(pp.87-88 in pew Bibles)*  
God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**
- COMMUNION MEDITATION                      **"Righteous Anger"**                      Dr. Sue Ellis Melrose

## THE RESPONSE

\*AN AFFIRMATION *(in unison)*                      *"Apostles' Creed –Ecumenical"*  
*(Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:)*

**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 again 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.**

\*HYMN # 218 (GTG)                      *"Ah, Holy Jesus"*

MINUTE FOR MISSION                      Deacon's Easter Baskets                      Bob Ponder

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

OFFERTORY                      Ray Staroscik  
*(All Elders who are serving communion, please come forward during the offertory.)*

\*RESPONSE # 607                      *"Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Dr. Melrose

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*( the prayer continues..)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF BREAD

POURING OF CUP

ORGAN MEDITATION

Ray Staroscik

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(Communion will be passed in the pews. Please hold the bread and cup to wait so we may partake together.)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**and all that is within me,**

**bless God's holy name!**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and forget not all God's benefits.**

\*HYMN # 213 (GTG)

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Melrose

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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

Ray Staroscik

Organist

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

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

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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 (GTG) 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. You will receive *Glory to God* when you enter the sanctuary. Please return this hymnbook to the Narthex as you leave the sanctuary.

Liturgist

Judith Sheldon

Acolyte

Emeka Uduma

Sound Technician

Nancy Jackson

Videographer

Randy Commissaris

Reception Coordinator

Valerie Edwards

Worship Coordinator

Pam Sharrow

**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.

### **Prayer List for the month of March 2015**

Pete/Margie, Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Lorraine/Harrison Coleman family, Bobbie Edwards/family, the Euchre's family, FSPC, Hertha Gast, Shannon Howard, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Lemus family, Virginia Lorimer/family, Karen Marcil, Marilyn Moore, Cheryl Myers, Jerry Naragon, Claudia Novitzsky, Derrick Parker/family, Kathy Payne/family, Richard Petrie, Easter Ponder, Jennie/David Poole, Robinson family, Richard/Suellen Sale family, Cathy Topping.

### **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.

### **Temporary Supply Pastor**

The Rev. Dr. Sue Ellis Melrose

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### **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 Emeritus:** The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley

# Fort Street News

## Week of March 8, 2015

### MISSION STATEMENT

Fort Street Presbyterian Church is an oasis in an urban environment, building a caring Christian community where diversity is celebrated and developing programs that minister to metropolitan Detroit and the world beyond. We do this in response to the grace of God through Jesus Christ, recognizing the truth of the Gospel: *There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.*

Sun 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
<b>11 a.m. Worship</b> <b>1st Sunday</b> <b>Luncheon group</b> 6:30 p.m. NA  <b>Vanderbilt Univ.</b>	<b>Church Offices Closed</b>  7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt  <b>Vanderbilt Univ.</b>	8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA  <b>Vanderbilt Univ.</b>	1:30 Staff mtg <b>7:00 Session mtg</b>  <b>Vanderbilt Univ.</b>	9-11 Open Door 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal  <b>Vanderbilt Univ.</b>	11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café  8:00-9:00 AA  <b>Vanderbilt Univ.</b>	<b>Vanderbilt Univ. departs.</b> 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 Al-Non <b>Welcome</b> <b>George Washing-</b> <b>ton Univ. 7-15th</b>
<b>11 a.m. Worship (Communion)</b> 12:30 Worship Arts mtg  6:30 p.m. NA  <b>George Washington Univ.</b>	<b>Church Offices Closed</b>  7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt  <b>George Washington Univ.</b>	<b>Eastern MI Stds Departs.</b> 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA  <b>George Washington Univ.</b>	<b>6:00 Personnel mtg</b>  <b>George Washington Univ.</b>	9-11 Open Door 12:30 Open Dr. Mtg 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal  <b>George Washington Univ.</b>	11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00 AA  <b>George Washington Univ.</b>	<b>8:30-4:00 All Day Chorale Rehearsal</b> 5:30 pm AA 8:00 Al-Non  <b>George Washington Univ.</b>
<b>George Washington Departs</b> <b>1a.m. Worship,</b>  6:30 p.m. NA	<b>Church Offices Closed</b>  7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt  <b>Welcome Iowa Univ.</b>	8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA  <b>Iowa Univ.</b>	1:30 Staff mtg  <b>No meetings scheduled</b>  <b>Iowa Univ.</b>	9-11 Open Door 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal  <b>Iowa Univ.</b>	11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café <b>6:00 Wedding Rehearsal</b> 8:00-9:00 AA  <b>Iowa Univ.</b>	<b>Iowa Univ. Departs Wedding</b> 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 Al-Non
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<b>11a.m. Worship</b> <b>5th Sunday</b> <b>Potluck</b> 6:30 p.m. NA	<b>Church Offices Closed</b>  7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	<h2 style="margin: 0;">March 2015</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">3-6-15</p>			

### Committee Meeting

The Personnel committee will hold their next meeting on **Wednesday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m.** in the McMillan Room.



Join the Worship Choir starting at 9:15 am. 2nd and 4th Sundays in the Sanctuary balcony. All are welcome.



### MARRIAGE ANYONE, 2015?

Thinking of getting married? Want to get married at Fort Street? Contact the Wedding Coordinator, Loretta Stanton's cell phone **number, 313-549-1015.**

### Contact Information

Has your address, cell phone number, email address or family unit changed in the past year or so? The secretary is asking for updated home and telephone information for our members and visitors. Please get any changes to the secretary at [secretary@fortstreet.org](mailto:secretary@fortstreet.org) or 313-961-4533.

The deadline for next week's bulletin is Tuesday, March 10 at 12:00 pm.

Attendance for: March 1, 2015: 65  
March 2, 2014: 62

## Walking by Faith, Not by Sight Lent Reflections Meaning in a Moment

Short videos and discussion  
of inspiring faith choices

- February 22 Joy - Revitalizes a community  
March 1 Murat - Chooses to be a shepherd  
March 8 Johnny - Refugee hospitality  
March 15 Robert - Small town physician  
March 22 Alyssa - Sings her vision

10:00 - 10:40 A.M. Stapleton Chapel  
Hosted by Spiritual Life Committee  
and Guest Facilitators

*We live by faith, not by sight.”*  
11 Corinthians 5: 7

Contact Nancy or Judith Shelton  
with questions and suggestions



### VISITORS AND MEMBERS



In an effort to report correct statistical information, we are requesting the following:

- **Red and White Attendance Card**– Please fill out each and every **Sunday** indicating all **names** of people attending with you. In addition, update the card with any address, telephone, fax or E-mail updates and note that it is a change.

**Visitors** – Please indicate if you are a first, second, third time, or regular visitor. Place cards in offering plate or drop off in the front office.

- **Purple Prayer Request Card** Place in offering plate.
- **White Request for Custodial Services forms** are available in the front church office, for non-emergency requests. Place it in the Secretary's mailbox in the front office.
- **Congregational Giving&/or other giving envelopes** - Always put your **name & amount** of giving on the envelope.

The above information will enable our staff to give reports on attendance and church giving more accurately. If anyone has a complaint, concern, or request, please bring it to the attention of pastor Sue by phone, fax or E-mail [pastor@fortstreet.org](mailto:pastor@fortstreet.org)

### Flowers Reminder

Contact the Worship and Arts Committee to purchase flowers for the sanctuary in honor of birthday celebrations, anniversaries, or in memory of a loved one... the list is endless for God's grace. Pam Sharrow is the liaison, [pamsharrow13@gmail.com](mailto:pamsharrow13@gmail.com). Tell her which Sunday in the year and what you **want printed in the bulletin. You pick the color!** Write a check for \$50 and indicate worship and arts. We'll do the rest!

### MEMBER DIRECTORY UPDATES PLEASE!



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### Career Closet



**Need women's dress clothes, sizes 18 & up. Also need men's extra large dress clothes, shirts, size 18 and up, men's belts, men's cuff links, men's shoes, size 11 and all sizes.**

### THURSDAYS OPEN DOOR MEAL PROGRAM 9AM-11AM



This program is open to the public. Between 8am and 9am, women and elderly guests may shower. They may also receive a hygiene kit and use the clothing bank once a month. Between 9 and 11am, men may shower. They may also get a hygiene kit and use the clothing bank monthly. Guests seeking clothing and hygiene kits must present valid identification. Between 9 and 11am, a full hot meal is served. Guests may get a haircut, and consult with a social worker. Volunteers are welcome.



### Fort Street's Mission Committee hosts group during March 2015

- Many people will find a warm place to stay at Fort Street. Alternative Break programs, Students from the
- **Vanderbilt University Feb. 28-March 7,**
  - **George Washington University from March 7-15th**
  - **Iowa State University from March 15-21**

...So Fortstreeters welcome them, ask them to tell you their stories and share your Fort Street experience with them.