



**Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2015**

Meditation before Worship

"THERE ARE BASICALLY TWO KINDS OF LAW: (1) law as the way things ought to be, and (2) law as the way things are. An example of the first is "No Trespassing." An example of the second is the law of gravity.

God's law has traditionally been spelled out in terms of category no. 1, a compendium of dos and don'ts. These dos and don'ts are the work of moralists and, when obeyed, serve the useful purpose of keeping us from each other's throats. They can't make us human, but they can help keep us honest.

God's law in itself, however, comes under category no. 2 and is the work of God. It has been stated in seven words: "Whoever does not love abides in death" (1 John 3:14). Like it or not, that's how it is. If you don't believe it, you can always put it to the test just the way if you don't believe the law of gravity, you can always step out a tenth-story window."

—Frederick Buechner

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME

Tom Turner

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tom Turner

Leader: A new day has begun.

People: Hope wins!

Leader: Christ is entering your life in a new way.

People: Faith wins!

Leader:: Come, let us worship God who is inviting us into life in a new way, a way that transcends death, a way of hope and faith.

People: Love wins! Let us worship Christ, who overcame death to give us new life!

*HYMN # 430 (PH)

"Come Sing O Church in Joy"

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Tom Turner

Ancient of Days, we confess that we forget to truly live our lives. We go from one task to the next, we get too busy to notice the world around us. We ignore the poor and the hungry and push away our families because there is too much to do. We are caught up in the ways of the world that call us to rush and work hard. Forgive us, God, for not taking time for You. Forgive us, God, for not making time for our relationships. Forgive us, God, for not seeing our brothers and sisters, for putting the ways of the world above Your ways of love and compassion. Call us into the New Life You have given us now, so that we may live into the promise of eternal life. In the name of Jesus, who calls us to The Way, we pray. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Rev. Craig Aue

*SHARING THE PEACE

Tom Turner

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

FIRST GOSPEL READING

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

Tom Turner

God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God**

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Judith Sheldon

ORGAN INTERLUDE

Ray Staroscik

SECOND GOSPEL READING

John 17: 6-19

The Rev. Aue

God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Belonging"

The Rev. Craig S. Aue

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Tom Turner

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall 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 life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN # 436 (PH)

"We are Your People"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERING OF THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Ray Staroscik

*DOXOLOGY # 591

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Tom Turner

*HYMN # 343 (PH)

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

CLOSING SENTENCES AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Aue

POSTLUDE

(You may be seated to listen to the Postlude as the concluding act of worship)

Ray Staroscik
Organist

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**Please stand, if able*

Our Guest Preacher

The Rev. Craig S. Aue grew up in Taylor, Michigan, in the Southminster Church, where he was active in its youth worship program. (The program was inspired by and modeled after a program from Fort Street Presbyterian Church.) He attended Central Michigan University, where he met his wife Pamela, and graduated with a BS degree, majoring in sociology and religion. While under the care of the Presbytery of Detroit, he completed his Master of Divinity degree at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He served pastorates in Ohio and Michigan for 25 years, before accepting his current call, serving as Chaplain for Beaumont Hospice, where he supports patients and families, throughout the region, in their homes and/or care facilities, as well as a few in the hospital, during the final months of earthly life.

Rev. Aue has two adult children; son J. Taylor (in Chicago – spouse, Abie) and daughter Ashley (serving a nonprofit health agency in Xela, Guatemala) as well as two granddaughters, Lillian Grace and Emma Claire. Craig's wife Pam, is a free-lance writer, editor and proof reader, as well as an adjunct professor at Henry Ford College, where she also has been an active part of the music program.

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The Rev. Dr. Jim Conley is assigned for pastoral care and may be reached by phone at 734-692-4901 or by email at jimconley@ili.net. For assistance in other matters, call Judith Sheldon at 313-962-2924.

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	Tom Turner
Acolyte	Emeka Uduma
Officers on Duty	Loretta Stanton James Lemus
Sound Technician	Twiller French
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
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!

- * Join others for refreshments in the Great Hall after the worship service.
- * Visit the information and display tables in the narthex.
- * 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 to direct you.
- * CDs of today's service and/or previous services may be ordered thru the church secretary @ \$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.

FORT STREET STAFF

Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; Ben Ogden, Director of Open Door; Edward Kingins, Music Director; Ray Staroscik, Organist; LaMonica Harris, Finance Office Temp.; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; Kenneth McCoy, Building Engineer; Donna Bryant, 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

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Prayer List for the Month of May 2015

Laura Anderson, Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Derek/Maxine Bloodworth, Bettie Burton, Lorraine/Harrison Coleman family, Jason Drakeford, the Euchre's family, FSPC, Fuller family, Carol Gadye, Shannon Howard, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Irene/Mark Larson and family, Lemus family, Karen Marcil, Kyla Moran, Leigh Mosley, Cheryl Myers, Jerry Naragon, John Neuman, Claudia Novitzsky, Derrick Parker/family, Margaret Parker, Kathy Payne/family, Richard Petrie, Easter Ponder, Jennie/David Poole, Robinson family, Richard/Suellen Sale family.

Prayers for Military Loved Ones

CPL Christopher Whittaker-Bonner USMC, Lt. Harrison L Coleman USN, Jonathan Heyler USN, SSGT Shanell Howard USAF, Sgt. Christopher King, Maj. Michael Kurtti, USAF, Lt. Theo Moran USAF, Alta Morrison, Lt. Jon Palmer USA, Lt. Marty Palmer USA, Charles Andrew Parsons II USN, Major Michelle Ruehl AF, USMC Major Katy Spicer, USMC, Alexander Szelestey, USMC, Lt. Mark Webster.

The Church Returns to its
Summertime Schedule with
Sunday Worship
beginning at
**10:00 a.m. on
May 24, 2015**

