

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2015

Meditation before Worship

“People encounter God under shady oak trees, on riverbanks, at the tops of mountains, and in long stretches of barren wilderness. God shows up in whirlwinds, starry skies, burning bushes, and perfect strangers. When people want to know more about God, the son of God tells them to pay attention to the lilies of the field and the birds of the air, to women kneading bread and workers lining up for their pay. Whoever wrote this stuff believed that people could learn as much about the ways of God from paying attention to the world as they could from paying attention to scripture. What is true is what happens, even if what happens is not always right. People can learn as much about the ways of God from business deals gone bad or sparrows falling to the ground as they can from reciting the books of the Bible in order. They can learn as much from a love affair or a wildflower as they can from knowing the Ten Commandments by heart.”

- Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME

Beth Brown

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beth Brown

God of Hope, we come into your presence this morning,
with confidence that you will meet us here.

Where there is sadness, bring joy;

Where there is tiredness, bring refreshment;

Where there is despair, bring a renewed sense of hope.

Let this place be a sanctuary,

A safe haven for us,

A home for holy words and songs and prayers

as we devote ourselves to you.

We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN # 263 (GTG)

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Beth Brown

**Almighty God, through the rising of your Son from the grave,
you broke the power of death
and condemned death itself to die.**

**As we celebrate this great triumph,
may we also make it the model for our living.**

Help us to identify in our lives

all that should rightly die—

relationships which hurt or hinder,

tired habits, fruitless longings.

**As surely as you raised Jesus Christ,
resurrect in our lives faith, hope, and love,**

that, healed and forgiven,

we may share in the new life you bring. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE IN SONG # 695 (GTG)

"Change My Heart, O God"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Murray

*RESPONSE IN SONG # 645 (GTG)

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

*SHARING THE PEACE

Beth Brown

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

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 4
(p.464 in pew Bibles)

Beth Brown

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

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Nancy Jennings

ANTHEM

Ray Staroscik

SECOND GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:36b-48
(p.85 in pew Bibles)

Beth Brown

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

SERMON

"Proclaiming Wonder"

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Murray

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from an Iona Community Vesper Service)*

Beth Brown

ALL: **We believe, O God of all Gods,
That you are the eternal God of life,
We believe, O God of gods,
That you are the eternal God of love.**

Men: We believe, O God and Maker of all creation,
That you are the creator of the high heavens,
That you are the creator of the deep seas,
That you are the creator of the stable earth.

Women: We believe, O God of all the peoples,
That you created our souls and set their warp,
That you created our bodies and gave them breath,
That you made us in your own image.

ALL: **We give You our worship With our whole lives,
We give You our assent With our whole power,
We give You our existence With our whole mind,
We give You our kneeling With our whole desire.**

*HYMN # 625 (GTG)

"O Lord My God, When I in Awesome Wonder"

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Beth Brown

We Follow God's Word Into the World

*HYMN # 687 (GTG) *"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

CLOSING SENTENCES AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Murray

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*

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

Beth Brown

Officers on Duty

Tim Moran
Bob Ponder

Sound Technician

Twiler French

Videographer

Randy Commissaris

Worship Coordinator

Kalu Uduma

Reception Coordinator

Agnes Lewis
Nancy Jackson

Fort Street Welcomes

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, who is President and Professor of Systematic Theology and Preaching at Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, Michigan. Previously, he was the Senior Pastor of The First Baptist Church of Boston, Massachusetts, American Baptist Chaplain to Harvard University and Denominational Counselor and Lecturer in Ministry at Harvard Divinity School, and the founding Dean of the College and Associate Professor of Theology at Barrytown College. He has served as the pastor of American Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and United Church of Christ congregations in Massachusetts and New York, as the chaplain and on the faculty of Endicott College, Skidmore College, and Suffolk University, and was an administrator at Yale University's Dwight Hall Center for Public Service and Social Justice. He serves on the Commission on Christian Ethics for the Baptist World Alliance, on the Emerging Theologians Commission of the American Baptist Churches - USA and is an invited participant in the national, multi-denominational Baptist-Muslim Dialogue program. He previously served as a denominational delegate to the National Council of Churches, was the founding Managing Editor of the *Journal of Inter-Religious Dialogue*, and is a past President of the North American Paul Tillich Society. He is the author of *Reclaiming Divine Wrath: A History of a Christian Doctrine and Its Interpretation* (Peter Lang, 2011), co-editor with David L. Bartlett and Claudia Ann Highbaugh of the festschrift for Harry Baker Adams, *Crossing By Faith: Sermons on the Journey from Youth to Adulthood* (Chalice Press, 2003), and co-editor with Aimee Upjohn Light of the multi-volume set *God in Popular Culture* (Praeger, 2015). His academic work focuses on the history and contemporary relevance of Christian theology and ethics, inter-religious dialogue, and religion and the arts. He received the B.A. in philosophy and religion from Bucknell University, the M.B.A. from Endicott College, the M.Div. from Yale University Divinity School, and the M.Phil. and Ph.D. in systematic theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Fort Street Reaffirms its Commitment as a Welcoming Church.

At the April 2015 Session meeting, Fort Street Presbyterian Church reaffirmed its commitment to be identified as a Welcoming Church to the LGBT community. As stated in the brochure that identifies Welcoming Churches within the Presbytery of Detroit,

*"For all lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals;
These churches welcome all
Where your faith can grow
Where your spiritual journey is shared with others
Where a nurturing church community welcomes you just as you are."*

As a Welcoming Church, Fort Street supports the efforts of the All God's Children work group within the Presbytery of Detroit; It is the mission of this work group to be a welcoming resource, offering a captivating and comprehensive understanding towards the acceptance of all persons, regardless of race, ethnic origin, worldly condition, or any other circumstance not related to the profession of faith. We seek to open doors through education and worship studies, while nurturing and serving all individuals through God's all-inclusive unconditional love.

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 Shar-row13@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, 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

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Prayer List for the month of April 2015

Pete/Margie, Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Derek/Maxine Bloodworth, Bettie Burton, Lorraine/Harrison Coleman family, Jason Drakeford, the Euchre's family, FSPC, Fuller family, Hertha Gast, 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, Booby/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.

Fort Street News

Week of April 19, 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	Mon	Tue	Wed 1	Thu 2	Fri 3	Sat 4
April 2015 4-17-15			1:30 Staff mtg 7:00 Session mtg 6:00 Fiscal Op. 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	9-11 Open Door 6:00 Maundy Thursday Service	11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 12:00 Good Friday Services 8:00-9:00 AA	5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 AI-Non
5 9:00 Easter breakfast 10:00 Egg Hunt/Petting Zoo 11 a.m. Worship 12:15 Balloon Release 6:30 p.m. NA	6 Church Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	7 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	8 No meetings scheduled	9 9-11 Open Door 12:30 Open Dr. Mtg 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal (Rescheduled)	10 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00 AA	11 5:30 pm AA 8:00 AI-Non
12 11a.m. Worship, (Communion) 6:30 p.m. NA	13 Church Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt	14 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	15 No meetings scheduled	16 9-11 Open Door 6:15 Chorale Council 7:30 Chorale Rehearsal	17 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 8:00-9:00 AA	18 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 AI-Non
19 11a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. NA Risers go up	20 Church Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt 7:00 Chorale Rehearsal	21 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	22 5:30 Fiscal Op. 6:00 Personnel 7:00 Deacons mtg	23 9-11 Open Door 7:00 Chorale Rehearsal	24 11-3 Open Door Inspirational Café 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal 8:00-9:00 AA	25 Wedding 5:30 p.m. AA 8:00 AI-Non
26 11a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. NA	27 Church Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. Facilities Wrk Ngt 7:00 Chorale Rehearsal	28 8:30 Clothes Sort 12-2 Career Clst 8:00-9:00 AA	29	30 9-11 Open Door 7:00 Chorale Rehearsal		

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.

Attendance for:

April 12, 2015: 51
April 13, 2014: 93

The deadline for next week's bulletin is Tuesday, April 21, at 12:00 pm.

Fort Street Chorale

Edward Kingins, Director

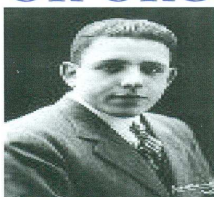
presents

LORD NELSON MASS MASS #11 IN D MINOR



FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN

CONCERTO FOR ORGAN IN G MINOR



FRANCIS POULENC

Dr. David Wagner, Organist

Sunday, May 3, 2015 -- 3:00 PM

631 W. Fort Street Detroit, MI 48226

Peggy Dwyer, Soprano Dorothy Duensing, Alto

Pablo Bustos, Tenor Steven Henrikson, Bass

Richard Householder, Conductor

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General Admission Tickets \$20 each
Patron Tickets \$35
Group Tickets \$15 each
For ticket information call (313) 961-4533

the Fort Street
CHORALE
& CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Meaning in a Moment Walking by Faith, Not by Sight

Spring Series: April 19 – May 17, 2015
Short videos and group discussion of inspiring faith choices.

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 Jackson or Judith Sheldon with questions or suggestions.