SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 19, 2017

“The surest method of arriving at the knowledge of God’s
eternal purpose is found in the right use of the present moment.
Therefore, if there is any love we can give, peace we can bring,
faith we can share, let us do it now, for we shall not pass this way again.”
Gathering the Community

Prelude  “Melody; Elegy”  Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
Marilyn Biery, Music Director /Organist

Welcome and Announcements  Dr. Bob Agnew

The Black Presbyterian Heritage  David Lewis

Call to Worship  Tom Turner

Never forget God's commands...Teach them to your children.  Repeat them when you are at home, and when you are away, when you are resting and when you are working.  (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

May our words and thoughts be acceptable to you O Lord, our refuge and our redeemer!  
(PSalm 19:14)

Truly, I say to you as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.  
(Matthew 25:40b)

Let us be up and doing, concerned for another and helping one another to show love and to do good.  
(Hebrews 10:24)

*Hymn # 645  “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”  MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Prayer of Confession  Tom Turner

Gracious God, forgive our waywardness.  When your word is not the last on our lips at night or the first in our thoughts in the morning, Lord have mercy.  When we miss opportunities to communicate your way to others or to reveal your way in our daily conversations and decisions, Christ have mercy.  When we become so preoccupied with our own concerns and fail to listen and minister to the needs of others, Lord have mercy.  May we who have been baptized in Christ, be cleansed from the illusion of innocence and freed for joyful discipleship.

*Silent Confession

*The Assurance of Pardon

*Response Song # 634  “To God Be the Glory” vs. 1  To God Be the Glory

*Sharing the Peace  Tom Turner

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

CHILDREN’S TIME

SONG FOR ILLUMINATION # 695  “Change My Heart, O God”  CHANGE MY HEART

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:  Psalm 147: 12-20  (p.550 in pew Bibles)  Tom Turner
The Word of the Lord.  Thanks be to God.

SOLO  “Don’t Be Weary, Traveler”  Spiritual, arr. H.T. Burleigh
Leslie Douglass Mason, soprano

Don’t be weary, traveler, come along home to Jesus.
My head got wet wid de midnight dew, angels bear me witness too.
Where to go I did not know, ever since he freed my soul.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:  Matthew 24:16-22  (pp.25-6 in pew Bibles)  Tom Turner
The Word of the Lord.  Thanks be to God.

SERMON  “BEATEN BY WINTER”  Dr. Bob Agnew
SERMON TEXT:  “Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath.”  (Matthew 24:20)

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN # 741  “Guide My Feet”  GUIDE MY FEET

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  (A Brief Statement of Faith)  Tom Turner

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

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.
OFFERING OF THE PLEDGES AND GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY  “Jesus, Redeemer, Our Loving Savior”  by Anton Bruckner

Jesus, Redeemer, our loving Savior, plenteous in mercy, gracious and mighty!
Jesus, we cherish, magnify, hail thee, and we praise thy holy name for evermore.
O loving Savior. Jesus, Redeemer, God’s Son incarnate, help us, we pray thee,
have mercy upon us, grant us thy peace. Be thou, O Christ, our stay.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE # 647  “Give Thanks”  GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, “We are strong”; Let the poor say,
“We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!”
Give thanks. Give thanks.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION  Tom Turner

*HYMN # 853  “We Are Marching in the Light of God”  SIYAHAMBA

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

(If you wish to do so, we invite you to sit quietly and enjoy the postlude as part of your worship.)

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*Please rise in body, mind, or spirit.

Thank you for gathering with us for worship this morning. Following worship, there will be a coffee hour in the small dining area. Please join us!

About today’s music:

“Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, born in Holborn, London, England, on August 15, 1875, was an English composer, of part Creole descent, who achieved such success he was called the African Mahler. Coleridge-Taylor’s greatest success was the cantata Hiawatha’s Wedding-feast, widely performed in England during his lifetime (he died in 1912) and rivaled only by Handel’s Messiah and Mendelssohn’s Elijah in popularity.” {Abbington, King of Kings, GIA Publications (preface)}. Harry Thacker Burleigh was born in Pennsylvania in 1866 and died in Connecticut in 1949. His mother was the daughter of a slave, and his grandfather used to sing spirituals to Harry, who transcribed them into music notation. His arrangements are still widely used today. Burleigh was a singer, bass player and composer. He met the composer Antonin Dvořák, who heard him play and sing the spiritual melodies, and who then incorporated one of them, “Swing Low Sweet Chariot,” in the first movement of his New World Symphony.
Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:
- Hearing Assist System
- Wheelchair Access Ramp
- Wheelchair Seating--locations available in the sanctuary
- Handicap Restroom--use elevator to second floor

We are delighted that you are here!
* Visit the information and display tables in the narthex.
* During the worship service, child care is provided for children through age 4. Ushers can provide directions. Children of all ages are encouraged to participate in Sunday School, which follows the Children's Message. A Christian Education staff member will lead the children downstairs. Parents may pick them up after worship. For additional information about our Sunday School program, please contact Judith Sheldon at firstcircleinc@sbcglobal.net. or Nancy Jackson at nancymottershawjackson@gmail.com.
* 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 February 2017

Prayers for Military Loved Ones.
(We are seeking to update our Military Roll. Please contact the church office with any changes.)
Lt. Harrison L Coleman USN; Jonathan Heyler USN; Ssgt Shanell Howard USAF; Maj. Michael Kurtti USAF; Capt. Theo Moran USAF; Major Katy Spicer USMC; Lt. Mark Webster USAF.

FORT STREET STAFF:
Alison Grosch, Operations Manager; Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; John Glover, Director of Open Door; Marilyn Biery, Director of Music/Organist; Edward Kingins, Director of Music Emeritus; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; Loretta Stanton, Wedding Coordinator; Jerry Johnson, Building Engineer; Damien Hines, Custodian; Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff.

Temporary Stated Supply Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Robert Agnew
pastor@fortstreet.org

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

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### MARRIAGE ANYONE 2017?

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

### Wednesday, March 1, 2017

**6:00pm Soup & Crackers Supper**

**6:30 Service**

Join your Fort Street family for Ash Wednesday as we begin our Lenten Journey.

The evening begins with a simple meal of soup, crackers, and bread.

Please consider a donation in the amount that you might pay for a simple meal out. Donations beyond the cost of the meal will go to the Fort Street Open Door Program.

### Annual Meeting and of the Congregation and Corporation

**Sunday, February 19, 2017**

The annual meeting and of the Congregation and Corporation will be held today, immediately following the 11:00 AM worship for the purpose of: receiving reports from all boards, officers, and committees; review of the 2017 budget.

Thank You!
Music at Fort Street

Black History Month at Fort Street

February’s music will highlight music by African American composers during the organ preludes and postludes as well as the solos sung by Leslie Douglass Mason and Emery Stephens; we will also explore the congregational spirituals found in our new hymnal. Information will be included in the bulletin about the composers and the origins of the music, to guide our appreciation of this rich resource of music and musicians.

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