



1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 5, 2017

*The central meaning of the Reformation is expressed in the phrase
"justification by grace through faith."*

*That formula makes clear that the righteousness of God in Christ
is seen most clearly in grace, by which we are accounted right
and justified before Him. Faith is nothing else but the lively apprehension
of grace made known and received.*

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"
Marilyn Biery, Music Director /Organist

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Bob Agnew

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Ponder

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. (Ephesians 1:3-4)

Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:23-24)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1)

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

*HYMN # 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bob Ponder

Eternal God, we know your grace is sufficient. Through it our weakness is made strong, our ignorance wise, and our sins forgiven. Grant us the courage to admit our mistakes, the strength to rise up when we fail, and real penitence, which humbly asks for forgiveness. Have mercy upon us. Fill us with the riches of grace, so that redeemed in body and spirit we may be protected, upheld, and equipped for service to the glory of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE SONG # 616

"Our God Is an Awesome God"

AWESOME GOD

*SHARING THE PEACE

Bob Ponder

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

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

SONG FOR ILLUMINATION # 288

"Spirit of the Living God"

LIVING GOD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Psalm 103: 1-2, 8-12
(pp.523-4 in pew Bibles)

Bob Ponder

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM:

"Find Refuge in God"
The Worship Choir

James Biery

Find refuge in God, find safety under his wings.

Verses: from Psalm 91.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Ephesians 2:4-10
(p.181 in pew Bibles)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"GRACE"

Dr. Bob Agnew

SERMON TEXT: *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."*

(Ephesians 2:8)

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN # 649

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

AMAZING GRACE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

Bob Ponder

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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. 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

“Loving God, We Stand Before You”

J.S. Bach
arr. M. Biery

1.Loving God, we stand before you, searching for your truth and grace. Guiding Presence, we implore you, beam forth radiance from your face. Breathe on us your love and gladness, burn away our pain and sadness. Keep us ever by your side, you, our beacon and our guide. 2.Yours the truth that sends us soaring toward the light that will not cease. Yours the shelter, all restoring, where our hearts will learn of peace. Yours the wisdom of the ages spoken by your prophet sages, yours the echo, yours the song, yours the Love where we belong.
Text by Marilyn Biery

*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

Bob Ponder

*HYMN # 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

J.S. Bach

(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!

Organist/Music Director

Marilyn Biery

Choir

The Worship Choir

Liturgist

Bob Ponder

Sound Tech

Nancy Jackson

Worship Coordinator

Loretta Stanton

About today's music: During Lent the music will be more reflective, to guide our walk through this penitential season. The anthem by James Biery is from his set of Communion Antiphons for the Lenten season, written for the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul, Minnesota. The Offertory is the Chorale from Bach's Cantata 147, commonly known as "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," with a new text by Marilyn Biery. Each week of Lent the postlude will be based on the "Passion Chorale," found in our hymnal, #221, as set by different composers, representing different musical styles and time periods.

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 March 2017

Gabrielle Abrego, Don and Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Lorraine and Harrison Coleman, Bobbie Edwards and family, Donald Gibb, Iola Jackson, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valorie Kimbrough, Devon Marcil, Hedi Mulford, Kathy Payne and family, Jane Petrie, the Sale family, Amy Smith and family, Lucas and Richard Stump, and Larry Tierney.

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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Fort Street News

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>	
			1 2:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Soup & Bread 6:30pm Ash Wednesday service 7:00 Session	2 9-11am Open Door	3 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	4 10:00am-12:30pm (kitchen) Confirmation Class 5:30pm AA 8:30pm-10:00pm Al-Non	
5 9:30 Worship Choir 9:45am Adult Ed 11:00am. Worship 4:00pm World Sabbath Day (offsite) 6:30pm NA	6	7 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Closet 8:00-9:00pm AA	8 2:00pm Staff Meeting	9 9-11am Open Door 12:15 Bible Study w/ Peter Henry	10 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	11 5:30pm AA 8:30pm-10:00pm Al-Non	
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Meaning in a Moment 2017

**Christian Adult Education,
Stapleton Chapel
9:45am – 10:45 a.m.
March 12, 2017**

**"Saving Jesus" Series,
Facilitated by Jack Callas**

All Are Welcome!

MARRIAGE ANYONE 2017?

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

Helping the poor and homeless for over 40 years

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

This program is open to the public. Between 8am and 9m, woman 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. Guest 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.

Save the Date!



EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL World Sabbath

An Interfaith Experience of
Music, Dance and Prayer:
Seeking to build a world of tolerance,
justice, faithfulness, and peace.

Sunday, March 5, 2017

**Service 4:00 – 5:30pm
Afterglow to follow**

Temple Beth El

7400 Telegraph Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

**Celebrate our “children of peace” and
the religious diversity of metro Detroit!**



**2017
World Sabbath
Peacemaker
Awardee**

Beverly Brun,
(of blessed memory)
Nardin Park United
Methodist Church,
Farmington Hills, MI



For answers to your questions and find out how youth from your house of worship can be involved - or if you are a clergy or a Religious Leader planning to attend, please visit: www.worldsabbath.org or contact Gail Katz, World Sabbath Chair: gailkatz@comcast.net 248-978-6664