



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2017

“Faith isn’t believing without proof—
it’s trusting without reservation.”

William Sloane Coffin

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

“Arabesque”
Marilyn Biery, Music Director /Organist

Louis Vierne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Roxie Davis

CALL TO WORSHIP

(James 1: 5-8)

Deborah Evans

“If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God.

God gives to all generously and ungrudgingly.

Wisdom will be given you.

But ask in faith, never doubting.

For the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea,
driven and tossed by the wind.”

Let us worship God, trusting rather than doubting

God’s goodness.

*HYMN # 260

“Alleluia Sing to Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Deborah Evans

Lord, we know the chant, “God is Good...All the Time.” But we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our faith in Your goodness. We confess that sometimes we question You to the point of unbelief. We lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into the routine of life. We forget that You are Risen and are present in every moment of our day. We fail to turn to You in our despair. Almighty God, help us to trust Your offer of new life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our Risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE SONG # 447

“We Are Forgiven”

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*SHARING THE PEACE

Deborah Evans

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S TIME

SONG FOR ILLUMINATION # 448 *“Peace of God Be With You”*

AS-SALAAMU LAKUM

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Psalm 4:3-7
(p. 464 in pew Bibles)

Deborah Evans

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

DUET:

“Sound the Trumpet”
Leslie Douglass Mason and Erika Thompson

Henry Purcell

Sound the trumpet!
Sound the trumpet till around you make the list'ning shores rebound.
On the sprightly oboe play all the instruments of joy that skillful numbers can employ, to
celebrate the glories of this day.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

John 20: 19-29
(pp.108-109 in pew Bibles)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pouter, Doubter, Shouter

Rev. Dr. Roxie Davis

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN # 829

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

OLIVET

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles' Creed-Traditional English Version*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”
The text may be found in the hymnal, #231

Suo Gan

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE # 606 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deborah Evans

*HYMN # 339

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

LIFT EVERY VOICE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Toccata"

Eugène Gigout

(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: The Offertory is a setting of the Welsh melody SUO GAN, a lovely tune which has found its way back into current hymn repertoire by several new texts set to the tune. Today's text was written by John Bell and Graham Maule, and dates from 1988. The organ music for today is from two French composers –Louis Vierne (1870-1937) was organist at Notre-Dame in Paris for many years. He had a difficult life with numerous family tragedies and physical setbacks, and was legally blind as well. Vierne died at the organ console after playing a full concert on June 2, 1937 and the bench is still on display in the loft at Notre-Dame. Gigout (1844-1925) was another French organist and composer, who studied with Saint-Saëns.

Organist/Music Director

Marilyn Biery

Choir

The Worship Choir

Duet

Erika Thompson
Leslie Douglass Mason

Liturgist

Deborah Evans

Sound Tech

Tom Marshall

Worship Coordinator

Beth Brown

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 April 2017

Gabrielle Abrego, Don and Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, The Coleman family, Bobbie Edwards and family, lola Jackson, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valorie Kimbrough, Devon Marcil, The Mulford family, Kathy Payne and family, Jane Petrie, 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.

Transitional Administrative Pastor

The Rev. Neeta R. Nichols
pastor@fortstreet.org

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

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Fort Street News

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.*

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
23 9:30am Worship Choir 11:00am. Worship 6:30pm NA	24	25 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Closet 8:00-9:00pm AA	26 2:00pm Staff mtg 6:00pm Deacons 6:30pm Personnel	27 9-11am Open Door	28 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	29 5:30pm AA 8:30pm-10:00pm AI-Non
30 9:30am Worship Choir 9:45am Adult Ed 11:00am. Worship 12:30pm 5th Sunday Potluck 12:30pm Movie hosted by PJM 6:30pm NA	1	2 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Closet 8:00-9:00pm AA	3 2:00pm Staff meeting 7:00 Session	4 9-11am Open Door 6:30pm Chorale Council mtg	5 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	6 5:30pm AA 8:30pm-10:00pm AI-Non
7 9:30am Worship Choir 9:45am Adult Ed 11:00am. Worship 6:30pm NA	8	9 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Closet 8:00-9:00pm AA	10 2:00pm Staff meeting	11 9-11am Open Door 12:15pm Bible Study w/Peter Henry	12 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	13 5:30pm AA 8:30pm-10:00pm AI-Non
14 9:30am Worship Choir 9:45am Adult Ed. 11:00am. Worship, (Baptism & Communion) 12:30pm Worship Arts mtg (Upper Rm) 6:30pm NA Mother's Day (Celebration Sunday)	15	16 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Closet 8:00-9:00pm AA	17 2:00pm Staff meeting 6:00pm Fiscal Op.	18 9-11am Open Door 11:30am Open Dr. mtg 6:30pm Chorale Council Potluck	19 Church Offices Closed 8:00-9:00pm AA	20 5:30pm AA 8:30pm-10:00pm AI-Non
21 9:45am Adult Ed 11:00am. Worship 12:00pm Coffee Hour in honor of our Graduates 6:30pm NA	22	23 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Closet 8:00-9:00pm AA	24 2:00pm Staff meeting 6:00pm Deacons 6:30pm Personnel	25 9-11am Open Door	26 Church Offices Closed 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal 8:00-9:00pm AA	27 3:00pm Wedding 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal 5:30pm AA 8:30pm-10:00pm AI-Non
28 9:30am Worship Choir 9:45am Adult Ed 11:00am. Worship TBD Wedding 6:30pm NA	29 Church Offices Closed Memorial Day	30 8:30am Clothes Sort 12-2pm Career Closet 8:00-9:00pm AA	31 2:00pm Staff meeting	APRIL /MAY 2017		

I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised. Psalm 18:3a



Welcome, Welcome, Welcome

Neeta R. Nichols
Transitional Administrative Pastor

Since her ordination 44 years ago, Neeta R. Nichols has served churches in Michigan and Ohio and was on the staff of Maumee Valley Presbytery. For the past 33 years, she has been engaged in interim ministry. She came to Detroit Presbytery in 1993 and has served in pastoral positions with nine different congregations. She is currently serving on the Detroit Presbytery staff as she seeks her next interim call.

Neeta is not new to Fort Street, having served as Interim Associate Pastor here in the late 1990's and then as the Interim Open Door Director in 2016. So she is able to step into this Transitional Pastor role quickly and provide assistance for the church's forward movement.

Neeta enjoys listening to music, singing (preferably in the chorus), and savoring a latte from Starbucks.

Meaning in a Moment 2017

Christian Adult Education,
Stapleton Chapel
9:45am – 10:45 a.m.

April 30, 2017

"From Jesus to Christ"

All Are Welcome!

April 30, 2017, following
worship service

Fort Street's

Potluck
LUNCHEON

Bring a dish to Share



OPEN DOOR MEAL PROGRAM
THURSDAYS 9AM-11AM

This program is open to the public. Between 8am and 9am, 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. Volunteers are welcome.

Career Closet

Is in need of extra large men suits and shirts.

MARRIAGE ANYONE 2017?

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