



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 9, 2017

Fort Street Presbyterian Church

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 9, 2017

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Craig McLean

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Acts 2:42-47)

Craig McLean

Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

**Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people,
no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.**

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

*HYMN # 645

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Susan Mozena

**Gracious God, we come before you this morning in all humility
To confess our sins. In the midst of life's challenges, we confess
That we often fail to trust in your steadfast love which endures forever.
Forgive us the doubts which cause us to focus on ourselves
Rather than on the love and care which you have showered on us all
Our lives, and which you command us to share with one another.
Hear us now as we pray from the silence of our hearts.**

*SILENT CONFESSION

*DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News

. . . In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 447

"We Are Forgiven"

WE ARE FORGIVEN

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God, Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God, Thanks be to God.**

*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we too should forgive one another.

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace with those worshipping with you.)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Susan Mozena

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Craig McLean

Gracious God, we pray that you would send us your Spirit as we read your word, listen to your word and preach your word. Calm our minds and open our hearts so that we might fully attend to your message of love, hope, peace and joy. It is in the name of Jesus that we offer this prayer on this Sabbath morning. AMEN.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
(p.11 in pew Bibles)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

"God Is Here Today"
The text may be found in the hymnal, #411

DIOS ESTA AQUI

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7
(pp.13 &16 in pew Bibles)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Are You Kidding Me?"

Susan Mozena

*HYMN # 39

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING OF THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

"In Remembrance of Me"
The text may be found in the hymnal, #521

BURYL RED

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE # 717 *"For the Life That You Have Given"*

PLEADING SAVIOR

*PRAYER OF THANKS

Craig McLean

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God.
**People will come from east and west,
and from north and south,
and sit at table in the kingdom of God.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

552, *Glory to God*

You are holy, O God of majesty...

. . . . Therefore, great is the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

553, *Glory to God*

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

. . . . all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

554, *Glory to God*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*((Communion is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. This morning it will be by distribution. Please remain seated. **Eat the bread together at the invitation of the pastor**, symbolizing our unity in Christ as the Fellowship of Believers. **Drink the cup when you receive it**, symbolizing our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.))*

PRAYER AFTER THE SACRAMENT

Let us offer our thanks to God.

**Surprising and faithful God, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,
you invite us to your table
and here we meet the risen Christ.**

**Here ordinary bread becomes living bread
and we discover our hearts burning within us.**

**You transform our lives at this table;
now send us out into your world
to share the amazing good news
of the One we have met here. Amen.**

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN #49

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LEONI

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

(The postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer, not a performance. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshipping.)

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**Please rise in body, mind, or spirit.*

About the music: Andrew Earhart is substituting at the organ today while Marilyn and Jim Biery are on a Bach organ tour in Germany. Andrew is a student at the University of Michigan, studying organ, Naval Architecture, and Marine Engineering. Dane Carten, tenor, is one of our section leaders in the choir and is a music education student at Wayne State.

Organ Substitute

Andrew Earhart

Soloist

Dane Carten

Liturgist

Craig McLean

Sound Tech

Tom Marshall

Worship Coordinator

Kalu Uduma

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 July 2017

Gabrielle Abrego, Don and Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Bobbie Edwards and family, Iola Jackson, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valorie Kimbrough, 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, Music Director/Organist; Lola JFDavidson, Secretary; Loretta Stanton, Wedding Coordinator; Jerry Johnson, Building Engineer; Damien Hines, Custodian; Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff.

Transitional Pastor

Pastor Neeta R. Nichols
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Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley
Music Director Emeritus: Edward Kingins

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Michigan Black Presbyterian Caucus
Scholarship Fund-Raiser
Presents an Ecumenical Luncheon

with

The Reverent Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II
Stated Clerk of the PCUSA General Assembly

July 13, 2017 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

Rev. Dr. Nelson is attending lunch
and will be available
for questions and answers.
He will be speaking at

Westminster Church at 7:00 p.m. that evening.
There is no charge.

Henry Hotel (formerly Ritz Carlton)
300 Town Center Drive
Dearborn, Michigan

*Luncheon Tickets @ 50.00 available from Judith
Sheldon, Fort Street; Presbytery of Detroit
Resource Center, 313-345-6550 x 215;
Harold Ellis at hellis1010@aol.com.

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.*

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July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5:30pm AA 8:30pm AI-Anon
2 8:45am Adult Ed 10:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	3 Church Offices Closed - Holiday	4 Church Offices Closed - Holiday	5 2:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm Blessing of the Music Library	6 9:00am Open Door	7 Church Offices Closed 8:00pm GAA	8 5:30pm AA 8:30pm AI-Anon
9 8:45am Adult Ed 10:00am Worship (Communion) 6:30pm NA	10	11 8:30am Clothes Sort 11:45am Career Closet 12:15pm Downtown Disciples Bible Class 8:00pm GAA	12 2:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Worship Arts mtg	13 9:00am Open Door 11:30am Open Door mtg	14 Church Offices Closed 8:00pm GAA	15 5:30pm AA 8:30pm AI-Anon
16 8:45am Adult Ed 10:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	17	18 8:30am Clothes Sort 11:45am Career Closet 8:00pm GAA	19 2:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Fiscal Op mtg	20 9:00am Open Door	21 Church Offices Closed 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal 8:00pm GAA	22 2:00pm Wedding 5:30pm AA 8:30pm AI-Anon
23 8:45am Adult Ed 10:00am Worship 6:30pm NA	24	25 8:30am Clothes Sort 11:45am Career Closet 8:00pm GAA	26 2:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Deacons mtg 6:30pm Personnel mtg	27 9:00am Open Door	28 Church Offices Closed 8:00pm GAA	29 5:30pm AA 8:30pm AI-Anon
30 8:45am Adult Ed 10:00am Worship 11:30am 11:30am 5th Sunday Potluck 6:30pm NA	31					