

the
**Fort
Street**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY

Celebration of the Living Christ

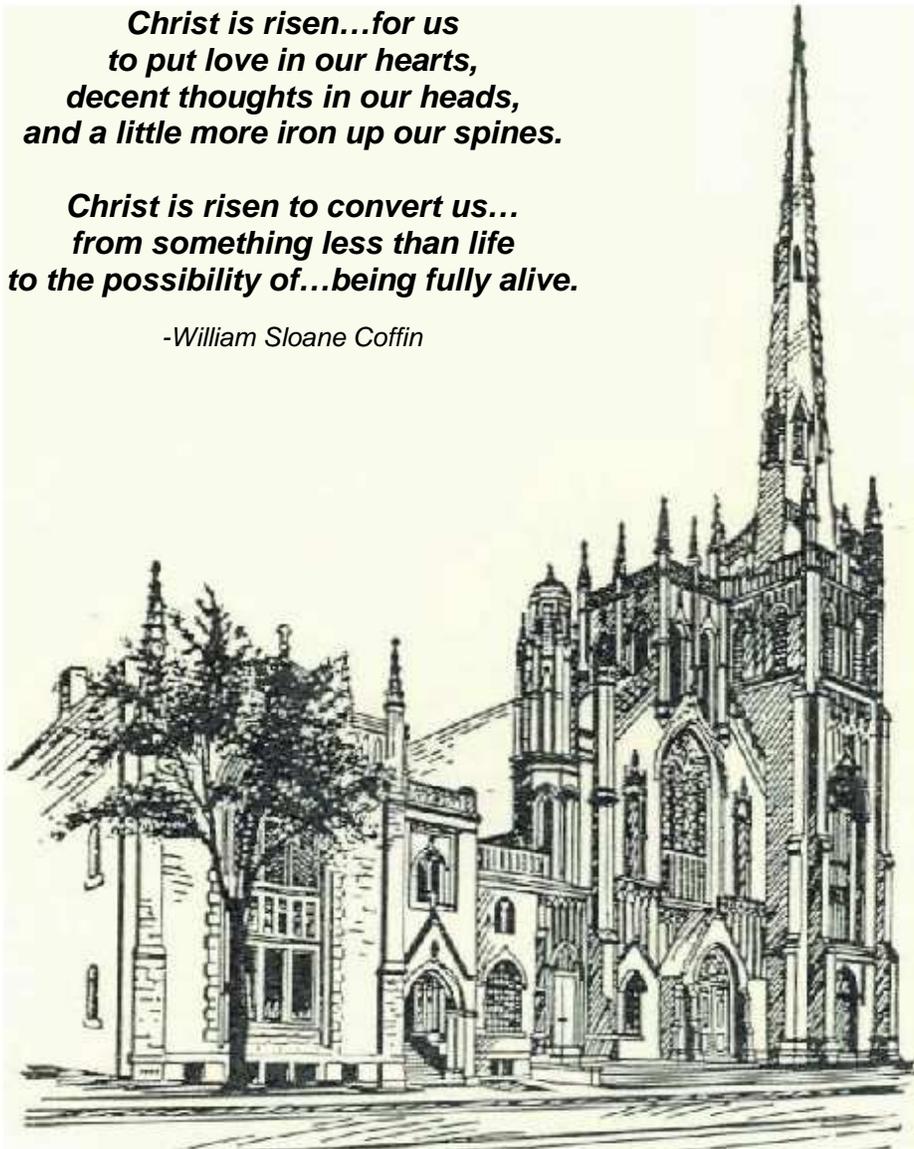
April 5, 2015

A Meditation before Worship

*Christ is risen...for us
to put love in our hearts,
decent thoughts in our heads,
and a little more iron up our spines.*

*Christ is risen to convert us...
from something less than life
to the possibility of...being fully alive.*

-William Sloane Coffin



*SHARING THE PEACE

Sam Umachi

The peace of Living Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10: 34-43

Sam Umachi

(p.121 in pew Bibles)

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

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM

"Welcome, Happy Morning"

-Young

The Fort Street Combined Choirs

Carmen Cavallaro, Pianist

Edward Kingins, Music Director

SECOND READING

Mark 16: 1 - 8

Sam Umachi

(p.51 in pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

"Dangling Gospel"

Rev. Dr. Sue Ellis Melrose

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AN AFFIRMATION²

Sam Umachi

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

We believe in the God who brought immortality to life

in the gospel of Christ Jesus.

We believe in the Christ who brought faith in a loving God to life

in the gospel of resurrection.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who brought hope in ourselves to life in

the gospel of boundless renewal.

We believe in grace that is stronger than evil,

in mercy that is larger than suffering,

and in joy that is greater than death.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

*HYMN # 115 (PH)

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Feel free to use the language and words closest to your heart)

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 (One Great Hour of Sharing)

OUR OFFERING TO GOD
(Loose offering will be used by the Deacons for their work.)

OFFERTORY "The Victorious Christ" -Gordon Young
The Fort Street Combined Choirs
Carmen Cavallaro, Pianist
Edward Kingins, Music Director

*RESPONSE "Alleluia Doxology"
Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Word, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Sam Umachi

*HYMN #118 (PH) "The Day of Resurrection!"

*CLOSING SENTENCES AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!" - Young

POSTLUDE "Exultate, Justi" - Michael Joncas
Ray Staroscik, Pianist



*You are invited to rise in body or spirit as you are able

1.Reprinted by permission *Book Of Common Worship*; © 1993 Westminster/John Knox Press, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); Page 323, no. 1 and pages 317 - 318. 2. By Bruce Prewer <http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocA/28EASTER.htm>

**WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL BALLOON RELEASE
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ORGAN POSTLUDE TODAY.**

Liturgist: Sam Umachi
Sound Technician: Nancy Jackson
Videographer: Randy Commissaris
Worship Coordinator: Beth Brown



BALLOON LAUNCH INSTRUCTIONS

During the organ postlude, we ask that all worshipers remain seated and enjoy the beautiful music. While you are seated and as the music is playing, the ushers will come forward, cut the strings to the balloons and quietly distribute them to you. Please hold the balloons for your children until outside. When the organ postlude is finished and all balloons are distributed, then we will rise and exit the building to participate in the balloon release. Remember that when all of the balloons are distributed and the postlude has finished, *all worshipers must move promptly out into Fort Street and away from the church doors.* This will help us to avoid congestion at the doors as other worshipers are attempting to exit.

FORT STREET'S TRADITIONAL BALLOON LAUNCH HISTORY

Every Easter as we launch our balloons and joyfully proclaim that Christ has risen indeed, we hear from environmentally conscious members of our congregation, who say that balloon launches pollute the lakes and shores of Michigan. They tell us birds and small animals are attracted to the colorful balloon litter, mistake them for prey, and eat them with disastrous consequences. Over the past thirty years, we at Fort Street have tried various alternatives: a flock of homing pigeons, a single white Peace Dove, and considered everything from butterflies to one large hot-air balloon! At the request of Session, the Peace and Justice Committee, studied the issue in depth and came up with the following conclusions:

1. Release latex balloons only. Latex balloons are 100% organic and are as degradable as oak leaves.
2. Inflate balloons fully. If not adequately inflated, they do not travel far enough up into the sky to freeze and burst into spaghetti-like pieces before falling to the ground.
3. Release individual balloons only. Never release clusters of balloons attached together.
4. Strings and ribbons are particularly hazardous as small animals and birds can become entangled in them. Cut the degradable strings as short as possible.
5. Never use plastic clips to seal the balloons since these are not degradable.
6. Never attach tags or cards to the balloons which weigh the balloons down, further increasing potential for balloons to land before bursting.

You will be happy to know that Fort Street complies with all of the above.

CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!



EASTER FLOWERS

Offered with Love



Given by

Nick and Lorna Abraham

Lynne R. Bieniek

Christopher T. Bloodworth

Yvonne Cameron

Mark, Camille, Theodore
and Oliver Cooke

Lola JF Davidson

Bobbie Edwards

Tom and Cindy Edwards

Alvin and LaMonica Harris

Jack Hodge

Motoko Huthwaite

Virginia Lorimer
and the Kondak Family

Marilyn Moore

Bob Ponder

Rob and Pam Sharrow

S. Gary Spicer Sr

Richard Turner
and the Walker Turner family

In memory or honor of:

In loving memory of Renee Abraham Harries

In loving memory of Karen Davis, my best friend

In loving memory of Allie Joe Bloodworth

In loving memory of Jack, husband, Father, and Papa

In loving memory of Pat and Mike Bresie,
Linda Mitchell and Olen Owens

In loving memory of Irene Kurpiewski, and Ada Earle,

In loving memory of Sarah Morgan

In honor of Geraldine Adams Jones

In loving memory of my parents, Sarah and John Morgan
In honor of the Edwards family

In loving memory of Cyril and Pauline Newman

In loving memory of Thomas Edwards

In loving memory of Scott Spaulding

In loving memory of my mom and Dad

In loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Shinji Fujishiro

In loving memory of W.E. C. Huthwaite

In loving memory of Donald Lorimer

In loving memory of my parents, Mary and Elroy Moore

In loving memory of my brothers, Johnny, Elroy Jr., and Leon

In loving memory of Lucile Strotter and Sarah Morgan

In honor of Easter M. Ponder

In honor of Fort Street and all our friends
who make it the special place that it is

In loving memory of Kathy Stettner, E. Maybelle Hogin Spicer

In loving memory of Helen Stettner

In loving memory of Elder Dolores Walker Turner (1935-1995)



You are invited to take your flowers home following service.

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.*

• ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Using the special envelopes in your bulletin today means your offering will be designated for the One Great Hour of Sharing. Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

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

Fort Street Presbyterian Church is wheelchair-accessible.
Visit our website at: www.fortstreet.org/chorale

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

the Fort
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CHORALE
& CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

YOU ARE INVITED

If you are looking for a church home, we encourage you to return and worship with us throughout the year. Sunday morning worship begins at **11:00 a.m.** Sunday school at 11:20 for children and youth. Adult Education is at **10:00 a.m.** Experienced caregivers staff the nursery downstairs for every service.

In addition to our worship, music and education ministries, we offer an extensive outreach to the community through Open Door (not just a soup kitchen), a partnership with the Edmonson Elementary School in Detroit, and many other projects.

You are invited to become an active part of this diverse and growing congregation as we seek to nurture our faith, glorify God, and love our neighbor. Please use a Welcome Card to indicate your interest or questions.

Temporary Supply Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Sue Ellis Melrose

pastor@fortstreet.org

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

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; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; Kenneth McCoy, Building Engineer; Donna Bryant, Parking Security; Marilyn Moore, Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff; Stacey Kershaw, Johnnie Hester, Cheryl Glidden, Open Door Staff.

Web Site: www.fortstreet.org

