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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 18, 2018

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 18, 2018

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Solemn Prelude on a Theme of Thomas Tallis

Gerald Near

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Anne

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Anne

O people, ascribe to the Lord glory

The glory of the one who made the heavens

O people, ascribe to the Lord strength

In strength the Holy One gives life to all things.

Give thanks for the God who will make the world set right

All peoples will see God's truth and rejoice

Among the peoples of the earth, we say "The Lord reigns!"

And we give glory to the God who gives us life.

*HYMN 299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Anne

Loving God, you seek us out. We yearn for your presence in our lives, yet turn away from you time and again. We want to serve others, but become obsessed with our own desires. We need your Word to fill our emptiness, yet let it be silenced by the noise of our world. Our hearts are clogged with the foolishness of our lives, and often struggle to beat in rhythm with your own.

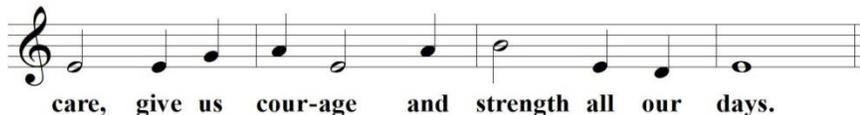
In this silence, and in the depths of our hidden souls, come to us and make us whole, Steadfast Love. Write grace upon our hearts, so we might be more forgiving people; write mercy on our hearts, so we might become more welcoming people; write hospitality upon our hearts that we might become more like Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who came for all people, even us. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Song of Petition

James Biery

The Choir sings three petitions, after each all respond:



*DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor Anne

God's love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out,
a way through, a way back to God.

Through the waters of baptism,

we have died with Christ and are raised with him.

With gratitude, in faith, we will walk the way of Christ. Amen.

*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Pastor Anne

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 HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Anne

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Anne

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

(p 61 in pew Bibles)

Pastor Anne

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

ANTHEM

If You Serve Me, Follow Me

Hoyt Pascal

If you serve me, follow me; and where I am my servant will also be.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:20-33

(p. 100 in pew Bibles)

Pastor Eric

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

SERMON

"GLORY, FLIPPED"

Pastor Eric Lange

*HYMN 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor Anne

The work of Jesus was the supreme crisis for humankind, and his cross and resurrection become a personal crisis and present hope for each one of us, and through this experience the Spirit brings forgiveness, moves us to deeper faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. With God's community of faith, we hold the message of reconciliation and share in God's work of healing: healing the enmities that divide us, that separate people from God and from each other. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing, in life or in death, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Anne

Microphone Available

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Anne

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 GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Ave Verum Corpus

W. A. Mozart

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for humankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in the trial of death.

*RESPONSE 606

*Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDRETH

*PRAYER OF THANKS

Pastor Anne

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

*HYMN 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Eric

CHORAL AMEN

ORGAN MEDITATION

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Johannes Brahms

(During Lent our organ postlude provides space for personal meditation and prayer. You may use the prompts below to guide your reflection.)

- What ‘glory’ can I see in my own life? What glory am I hoping for?
- What can I let go of, to allow myself to grow more deeply into the person God has called me to be?

About the Service

Today’s Music: The Song of Petition is from the *Liturgy of Grace* with text by Marilyn Biery and music by James Biery © 2012 and used with permission.

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Pam Sharrow

Crucial Confrontations: During Lent, our sermon series will explore how Jesus’ journey to the Passion creates confrontations: against mistreatment and injustice, and what keeps us trapped. During this season, our bulletin covers are paintings from African-American artists. Each picture has been selected as an illustration of the themes and topic on the day’s scripture reading and sermon.

Today’s Service: The Prayer of Confession was written by Thom Shuman, from “Lectionary Liturgies.”

Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:

- Hearing-Assist System
- Wheelchair Access Ramp
- Wheelchair Seating--locations available in the sanctuary
- Handicap-Accessible Restroom--use elevator to second floor
- Large-Print Bulletins are available in the narthex

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.

This Week's Announcements

Interfaith Coffee Concert

The Detroit Interfaith Outreach Network will be hosting an **Interfaith Coffee Concert** at Fort Street today, March 18, from 3:00pm – 5:00pm in the Great Hall. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

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### Meaning in a Moment Adult Ed Series

**No class next week** due to the Palm Sunday procession.

Classes will resume on April 15, with a two-week series with Anne and Eric Lange.

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Holy Week Schedule

- **Palm and Passion Sunday**
Sunday, March 25, 11:00am
- **Maundy Thursday Meal & Service**
Thursday, March 29, 6:00pm
 - **Good Friday Service**
Friday, March 30, 12:15pm

Easter Sunday, April 1

- 9:00am Breakfast in Great Hall, Animal Visit downstairs
 - 11:00am Worship
 - 12:00pm Balloon Launch

Open Door Meal Program Thursdays 9am-11am

This program is open to the public. Between 7:30am-8:00am women and elderly guests may shower. They may also receive a hygiene kit and use the clothing bank once a month. Between 9:00am –10:00am, men may shower.

They may also get a hygiene kit and use the clothing bank monthly. Guests seeking clothing and hygiene kits must present valid identification. Between 9 and 11am a full hot meal is served. **Volunteers are welcome.**

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### FSPC Prayer List

Lynne Bieniek, Kevin Donley and family, Bobbie Edwards and family, Eunice Finch, Iola Jackson, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valorie Celeste Kimbrough, Kathy Neuman, Kathy Payne and family, and Teresa Sherwood.

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Prayers for Military Loved Ones

Jonathan Heyler USN; Ssgt Shanell Howard USAF; Maj. Michael Kurtti USAF; Capt. Theo Moran USAF; Lt. Mark Webster USAF

Deacons Food Baskets

On Palm Sunday the Deacons will be packing fifty Easter food baskets for families at our local schools, Harms and Mayberry. You can help by donating \$20 for a gift card for each basket. With this the family can purchase fresh items. Staple food items will come out of the Deacon's food pantry. However, we will need contributions of pasta and breakfast cereal so each basket will have a variety of nutritious food for the week of Easter break. Thank you for helping the Deacons care for our neighbors. Be sure to come to the gym on Palm Sunday to help pack the baskets.

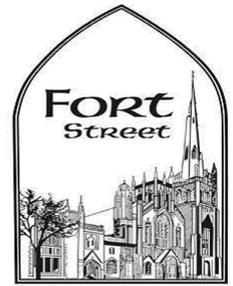
Meditation Mondays: Yoga at Fort Street!

The Community Fellowship Committee is hosting yoga classes at Fort Street in the Great Hall on Monday evenings at 5:00pm. An instructor from Live Cycle Delight, a Detroit yoga studio, will lead the sessions. Voluntary donations will be accepted. Contact Nancy Jennings with questions.

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**FSPC Mission Statement**

Fort Street Presbyterian Church is an oasis in an urban environment, building a caring Christian community where diversity is celebrated and programs are developed 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 Jesus Christ.



**Congregational Meeting**

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, immediately following worship, to receive the report of the Nominating Committee to fill the final slot of the Deacons' Class of 2020. No other business may be discussed at the meeting.

**Exploring Presbyterianism Class**

Do you want to learn more about our denomination, our theological tradition, and how we do our work as a church? Come join us after worship in the Stapleton Chapel on March 18 at 12:30 for a 45-minute conversation about our denomination and how we are structured as a church. This class is a great starting point to learn about becoming a member at Fort Street.

**Fort Street Staff**

**Church General Staff**

|                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Alison Grosch   | Operations Manager    |
| Lola JFDavidson | Secretary             |
| Jerry Johnson   | Building Engineer     |
| Darryl Reynolds | Parking and Custodian |
| Richard Echols  |                       |

**Music at Fort Street**

|               |                           |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| Marilyn Biery | Director and Organist     |
| Arianne Abela | Interim Chorale Conductor |

**Donlin Center and Christian Education**

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|----------------|--------------|
| Judith Sheldon | Director     |
| Karen Wright   | Donlin Staff |
| Lakita Wyatt   |              |

**Open Door**

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| John Glover     | Director            |
| Shelia Williams | Floor Coordinator   |
| James Anderson  | Security            |
| Herman Hall     | Custodians          |
| Damien Hines    |                     |
| Jewell Everette | Kitchen Aide / Cook |
| Reginald Byrd   |                     |
| Deborah Jones   | SCSEP               |
| Gleatus Jones   |                     |

**Weddings at Fort Street**

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|------------------|--------------------|
| Loretta Stanton  | Coordinator        |
| Vanessa Carthron |                    |
| Austin Brantley  | Wedding Assistants |
| Darryl Fowler    |                    |

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

**Music Director Emeritus:** Edward Kingins