



Credits: "Building More Stately Mansions," Aaron Douglas, 1944.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 4, 2018

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 4, 2018

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor BWV 871

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Anne

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 19

The heavens speak of God's glory, and the skies proclaim his handiwork.

**Day to day they pour forth speech, and night to night
they declare knowledge.**

With no audible words, their voice goes out through all the earth,
to the end of the world. The words our God has given us gives us life

**They are steadfast and sure, making wise the simple;
They are right and bring joy, enlightening the eyes;**

More to be desired are they than gold, sweeter also than honey,
Let us worship God!

*HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Anne

With hearts of sorrow, we come before you, O God, to confess what you already know— we have failed to keep your laws. Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will, rather than your holy and life-giving will for our lives. We have twisted your words to suit our own whims. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us from hidden faults, that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all our hearts, may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer.

*RESPONSE

Song of Petition

James Biery

The Choir sings three petitions, after each all respond:

All:

Have com - pas - sion on us, keep us safe in your
care, give us cour-age and strength all our days.

*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 Eric
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Pastor Anne
PSALM LESSON	Psalm 19:1-14 (p.567 in pew Bibles)	Pastor Anne
	The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
SOLO	<i>My Lord, What a Mornin'</i>	Spiritual, arr. Burleigh
GOSPEL LESSON	John 2:13-22 (pp.87-88 in pew Bibles)	Pastor Eric
	The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
SERMON	"CHURCH BUSINESS"	Pastor Eric Lange
*HYMN 157	<i>I Danced in the Morning</i>	LORD OF THE DANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor Anne

The work of Jesus was the supreme 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
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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	<i>We Are on Holy Ground</i>	David Haas
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**Here in this place may hope be found. Deep in our hearts may love abound. We are here in the presence of God. We are on holy ground. 1. May your presence make us pause; may your vision be our cause. May the gifts that we enjoy find a way to sing your joy.
2. May your calling be the way; may we always teach and pray. May the ones now in our care be the center of our prayer.
3. May we seek a wider view; may our faith in you be true. May the passion we impart fill each young and hungry heart.**

*RESPONSE 647		GIVE THANKS
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*PRAYER OF THANKS		Pastor Anne
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WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

*HYMN 39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Eric

CHORAL AMEN

ORGAN MEDITATION

How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou

Marcel Dupré

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

- What “tables” have I been sitting at, trying my best to keep them from being flipped? What commitments, ideas, or habits am I clinging to closely?
- How do we experience, in our bodies, destruction and new life? How do we notice opportunities for new life emerging?

About the Service

Today’s Music: The *Song of Petition* is from the *Liturgy of Grace*, text by Marilyn Biery and music by James Biery, © 2012 and used with permission. Marcel Dupré (1886-1971) was a French organist and composer known for his improvisations. Today’s postlude was originally improvised in concert and written down and published later.

Soloist	Kaswanna Kanyinda
Sound Tech	Nancy Jackson
Worship Coordinator	Craig McLean

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 Liturgy: Today’s Affirmation of Faith combines elements from the Confession of 1967, A Brief Statement of Faith, and the Confession of Belhar.

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

Next Sunday, March 11th is Daylight Savings – set your clocks forward an hour to make worship on time!

Peace Activities

There are two upcoming events promoting peace, justice, and interfaith cooperation:

- The **World Sabbath** will be held on Sunday, March 11, at 4:00pm, at Christ Church Cranbrook (470 Church Rd, Bloomfield Hills). Pastor Anne will be participating.
- The Detroit Interfaith Outreach Network will be hosting an **Interfaith Coffee Concert** at Fort Street on Sunday, March 18, from 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Tickets can be purchased in advance, contact 248-556-6316 or visit www.detroitinterfaith.org for info.

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### Meaning in a Moment Adult Ed Series

March 4, 2018

#### "The Conquering Bible"

facilitated by Tim Moran

9:45 a.m.-10:45a.m.,

The Stapleton Chapel

All Are Welcome!

*"There is neither Jew nor Greek,  
slave nor free, male nor female,  
for you are all one in Christ Jesus."*

*Galatians 3:28*

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Music at Fort Street presents **Audivi**, a professional vocal ensemble conducted by Noah Horn of Wayne State: **Friday, March 16 at 7:30 pm**. Admission is \$15, \$5 for students.

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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### 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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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 Upper Room on March 18 at 12:30 for a 45-minute conversation about our denomination. This is an ideal way for people who would like to join the church to learn more about what that means.

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.

**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.



**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 take care of our neighbors. Be sure to come to the gym on Palm Sunday to help pack the baskets.

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