



*Credit: "Come Unto Me, Little Children," by William H. Johnson, ca. 1944,  
Smithsonian American Art Museum, Gift of the Harmon Foundation.*

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

**April 1, 2018**

**Fort Street Presbyterian Church**

**631 W. Fort Street  
Detroit, MI 48226**

## HISTORIC FORT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Street Presbyterian Church was first organized in 1849 as the Second Presbyterian Church. Our present structure was completed in 1855 and the name was changed to Fort Street Presbyterian Church. Designed by Mr. Albert H. Jordan, it is one of America's finest examples of the Gothic Revival architecture of that period. The building is now a National & State Historical Site.

The sanctuary seats 1,200. Dotted about the stone floor are decorative tiles representing the designs of ecclesiastical crosses. These were some of the early works of Mary Chase Stratton, who became world-famous for her iridescent glazes and Pewabic tiles. The great span of the roof is supported by hammer-beams and is exceeded in width of span only by London's Westminster Hall. The organ was built by Wangerin-Weickhardt in 1914. It contains four manuals and 3,253 pipes, ranging in length from 16 feet to a quarter-inch. The soaring design of the sanctuary provides ideal acoustical conditions for the organ. Two memorials stand at the front of the church: A baptismal font of Caen stone, Mexican onyx, carved walnut and brass (1887), and a solid brass lectern in the shape of an eagle, which was on exhibit in 1893 at the World's Fair in Chicago.

During World War II, the gymnasium was equipped as a dormitory for servicemen arriving at Union Station, then across the street, and 60,000 men made use of it. Since 1969, the gym has housed programs for the homeless, providing food, medical care and clothing to several hundred people every week.

## EASTER FLOWERS

*Offered With Love*

### **Given by**

### **In memory or honor of**

Jack and Kate Callas

In loving memory of our dear daughter Elena

Yvonne Cameron

In loving memory of Jack Cameron

Cindy and Tom Edwards

In loving memory of Cyril and Pauline Newman

In loving memory of Thomas and Eleanor Edwards

Nancy and Rob Jackson

In loving honor of Ella Fenton

Jennifer Kondak and family

In loving memory of Virginia and Don Lorimer

Craig McLean

In loving memory of John and Edythe McLean

In loving memory of James A. Benoit

In honor of Pastor Anne Lange and Pastor Eric Lange

The Petrie family (*Jane and the girls*)

In loving memory of Dick Petrie

The Sale family

In loving memory of Richard Sale and Robert Sale

Robb and Pam Sharrow

In loving memory of Hedi Mulford

In honor of our Fort Street family

Loretta Stanton

In loving memory of Mark J. Keely

In loving honor of Gavin Stanton and Melissa Profeta,  
their wedding in 2019 in New Jersey

Lora and Vard Townsend

In loving honor of Iola Jackson

The Turner and Walker family

In loving memory of Elder Dolores Walker Turner,  
1935-1995

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Easter Sunday*

## WE GATHER AT THE EMPTY TOMB

PRELUDE

*Toccata for Organ*

John Weaver

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Anne

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Anne

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Today the tomb stands empty.

**Jesus is no longer there. He is risen!**

At the empty tomb, the ills of the world have been emptied of their sting.

**In the Resurrection, the powers of death, sin, and division have been defeated.**

The empty tomb means that we are free.

**We are free to walk with Christ in the fullness of life.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

\*HYMN 232

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

\*LITANY OF CONFESSION

Pastor Anne

Those first witnesses saw the empty tomb, but they did not understand what it meant.

**They were confused, unable to see the truth of what had happened.**

We are just like those first witnesses.

**We cannot grasp fully what the Resurrection means for us.**

**The Resurrection shows God's unconquerable love, but we remain isolated.**

**The Resurrection shares God's unspeakable joy, but we cling to bitterness and despair.**

**The Resurrection spreads God's unmatched peace, but we are at war within ourselves.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**In your Resurrection, bring new life where we are worn and tired.**

**Bring love where we have turned hard-hearted;**

**Bring forgiveness where we feel hurt, and where we have wounded;**

**Bring the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves.**

**Amen.**

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

\*DECLARATION OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Pastor Anne

This is the good news of Easter: the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

**What once held us captive no longer has power over us. Hallelujah!**

This is the good news of Easter: the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

**Once we were no people; now we are God’s people. Hallelujah!**

\*RESPONSE SONG 591

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

HALLE, HALLE

\*SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE

In the Resurrection Christ has become peace, the indestructible peace,  
that we now share with one other.

**Hallelujah! Thanks be to God.**

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*(Exchange signs of Christ’s peace with those worshipping with you, with a handshake or warm greeting.)*

## WE HEAR THE GOSPEL WORD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Anne

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Anne

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Acts 10:34-43

Pastor Anne

(p. 121 in Pew Bibles)

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

ANTHEM

*A Hymn of Resurrection*

Gwyneth Walker

**I know that my Redeemer lives, and on the earth again shall stand. I know eternal life he gives, with grace and healing in his hand. I know his promise of rebirth, the Word he speaks can never die. Though death shall take my body from the earth, yet I shall see him by and by. I know my pathway he prepares, for where he is, there I shall be. Abiding faith, for me he cares, and he at last will come for me! I know that my Redeemer lives! For on the earth he has come again! My Savior lives again!**

GOSPEL LESSON:

JOHN 20:1-18

Pastor Eric

(p. 108 in Pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

**“THE EASTER RUNAROUND”**

Pastor Eric

\*HYMN 241

*Woman, Weeping in the Garden*

KINGDOM

**We believe in the Jesus who healed and the Jesus who was arrested.  
 We believe in the Jesus who was abused and the Jesus who did not abuse in return.  
 We believe in the Jesus who was called a traitor and the Jesus who was a peacemaker.  
 We believe in the Jesus who was crucified and the Jesus who forgave those who watched the  
 breath of life leave him.**

**We believe that the Jesus who was buried on Friday is the Christ who arose on Sunday.  
 And because we believe this,  
 we affirm Jesus to be the Christ, Son of the living God, savior and liberator,  
 long-awaited Messiah, King of kings and Lord of lords.  
 We gladly proclaim the day of Christ’s resurrection to be the Easter for all generations.  
 Glory to God—our Savior lives!**

## **WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

### 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

*Let This Day Be Filled With  
 Wonder*

James Biery

**Living God, we praise you for the day that you have made; for the life that you have  
 given, for the church that you have called. Alleluia! Let this day be filled with wonder; let  
 our lives proclaim the message; let your church sing out the news—that Christ, our Lord  
 and Savior, is risen from the dead. Alleluia!**

#### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 606

*Praise God, from  
 Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD  
HUNDRETH

#### \*PRAYER OF THANKS

Pastor Anne

## **WE GO OUT REJOICING**

#### \*HYMN 248

*Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

HYMN TO JOY

#### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

#### POSTLUDE

*Toccata from Symphony No V*

Charles-Marie Widor

*Please see instructions for the Easter balloon launch on the next page.*

## 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 being played, 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 they are 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 onto 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.

If you do not want to let go of your balloon, you may take it home to take or give to a loved one, or you may tie them onto the basket in the narthex inside the Sanctuary.

**About the Music:** Special thanks to our instrumentalists this morning: Martin Slominis and Debra Kuptz, trumpets, Kevin Kuptz and Bob Clark, trombones, and Eric Childress II, timpani, as well as our dedicated Fort Street Choir for enriching our worship today and every Sunday.

**About the service:** The image on today's bulletin cover, "Come Unto Me, Little Children," was painted by William H. Johnson (1901-1970), an African-American painter born in Florence, South Carolina. His paintings were influenced by his life and travels in New York City and Europe. Johnson is widely known for his folk style of paintings. Many of his works are held by the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

Elements of today's liturgy, including the Prayer of Confession and Affirmation of Faith, come from *The Worship Sourcebook*.

Greeters	Chris and Leigh Bloodworth, Pam Sharrow
Sound Tech	Nancy Jackson
Worship Coordinator	Craig McLean

### One Great Hour of Sharing

This morning, we are receiving a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing to support the worldwide work of the Presbyterian Church (USA). A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. You can learn more about the ministries supported by this offering by visiting <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs>

**Save the Date: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Open Door,  
with Special Guest, the Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley**

**May 20, 2018, 1:00pm-4:00pm**

Rev. Dr. Robert Crilley was called to serve as Pastor of Fort Street in 1968. To celebrate his arrival and the impact of Open Door's 50 years of service, join us for a special worship service honoring Bob and Virginia Crilley, and stay for a lunch celebration at 1:00pm. Tickets for the lunch are \$20, we will also be taking donations for Open Door's \$50 for 50 Years Campaign. RSVP will be required, with more details to come soon!

## Announcements at Fort Street

### Peace Lecture and Awards April 22<sup>nd</sup>

On **Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Fort Street will host the 2018 **Max Mark-Cranbrook Lecture and Peacemaker Awards**. Izzeldin Abuelaish will join us in worship at 11:00am, with the Lecture and Awards ceremony beginning shortly after worship around 12:15pm. Dr. Abuelaish became famous and inspirational when his daughters were killed in his arms in an Israeli bombing attack on Gaza about 10 years ago, and he immediately called Israeli TV news and went on the air pleading for peace. Dr. Abuelaish established a foundation and has since advocated relentlessly for peace, including writing a critically acclaimed book called *I Will Not Hate*.

The event is free and open to the public. The ceremony will honor the peacemaking efforts of Dr. Abuelaish, as well as Martha Scott, Tawanna "Honeycomb" Petty, and Helen Weber and Frank O'Donnell. Contact the Wayne State Center for Peace and Conflict Studies through their website at <http://www.clas.wayne.edu/CPCS/>

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### Jazzy Potluck and Clear Lake Camp Reunion

April 29 is our Fifth Sunday of April, so join us for a potluck in the Great Hall immediately following worship. We will have live Jazz music to enjoy during our meal.

That day, former Clear Lake Camp campers and counselors will come together to enjoy a delicious jazz lunch while sharing precious memories of CLC. Bring your old pictures and mementos from camp to share with fellow campers. Toast the former camp directors with a "bug juice" libation. Sing favorite camp songs. This will be a great event for all who experienced the wonder of Fort Street's Clear Lake Camp. RSVP to [clcdrahnerroad@gmail.com](mailto:clcdrahnerroad@gmail.com).

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### Getting married?

Fort Street welcomes couples interested in a Christian marriage to begin this new journey together in our sanctuary and other facilities. We can accommodate small ceremonies and receptions, or welcome over 1,000 persons to celebrate with you. Contact Loretta Stanton at 313-549-1015 with questions.

### Join the Fort Street Chorale

for  
**Mozart's  
Requiem**

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
3:00pm**

**Conducted by Dr. Arianne Abela**

Tickets are \$25 for general admission. Group and student rates are available. Contact the church with questions.

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Also, tune in to WRCJ 90.9 FM on April 17 at 10 am to hear Dr. Arianne Abela and Jack Callas discuss the Chorale's upcoming performance with Dr. David Wagner during WRCJ's Spring fundraising campaign.

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**Warm handshake? Friendly smile?  
Serve as an usher/greeter!**

You're invited to a thirty minute training session sponsored by the Worship & Arts Committee on Sunday, April 8 at 12:30 pm. Meet us in the sanctuary for a brief review of new usher and greeter responsibilities, followed by hands-on practice. Handouts will be provided. New and experienced usher/greeters are welcome! Questions? Contact Deb Evans or the pastors!

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### Fort Street Open Door

For over fifty years, Fort Street Open Door has been providing support for homeless and indigent people in downtown Detroit. This program is open to the public. Between 9 and 11am a full, from-scratch hot meal is served. Between 7:30am-8:00am women and elderly guests may shower. Guests may also receive a hygiene kit and use Fort Street's clothing bank. Between 9:00am-10:00am, men may shower.

You are invited to join the meal, volunteer, or donate to support Open Door. Email [open-door@fortstreet.org](mailto:open-door@fortstreet.org) with questions.

