

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 29, 2018

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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 29, 2018

## WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

*Voluntary in A: Adagio, Allegro*

John Stanley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Eric

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Eric

God is the Gardener, and God is planting something new;

**In this time of worship, may we grow in Christ.**

God is pruning us back so we may bear fruit;

**In this time of worship, may we repent, and know God's forgiveness.**

God is nurturing us with water and Spirit, that we may blossom;

**In this time of worship, may we praise our Creator and Sustainer!**

Come, let us join together in worship;

**Let us praise God, who is growing something new in us.**

\*HYMN 641

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

ENGELBERG

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Eric

God of Compassion:

called to be one body,

we fragment ourselves into a million selfish pieces;

your children of love,

we insist on the right to despise our sisters and brothers;

though your Perfect Love was broken for us,

we are afraid to give of ourselves to the world.

Abide in us, Vine Grower.

Forgive us of our sins,

so we may live boldly,

love fearlessly,

and proclaim unceasingly that Jesus Christ

is our Lord and Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do you feel it – there, deep down in your hearts? God's love is alive, beating, breathing – in you!

**Because God abides in us, we can live for others, allowing God's love to bear fruit in us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

\*RESPONSE HYMN 591

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

HALLE, HALLE

\*DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor Eric

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 Eric

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

EPISTLE LESSON

John 15:1-8

Pastor Eric

(p. 103 in Pew Bibles)

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

ANTHEM

*Christ Is the Vine*

James Biery

Christ is the vine, we are the branches; growing in unity with each new strand. Christ is the vine, we are the branches; nurtured and pruned by the Vine-grower's hand. The vine which God is tending is bursting with new life, its reach is never-ending, while pruned with sharpest knife. It stretches to the sunshine, with yearning born of need, and bears new fruit for new wine, love born from tiny seed. The vine was born in darkness and from the earth it grew; a rose pure in its starkness, caressed by Spirit dew. As Moses once saw branches with holy brightness glow, we see our spreading branches through all creation grow. And we who twine together are rooted in the Vine; with love in Christ we gather, to share the bread and wine. In Christ we are abiding, we grow within God's care, and spread this joyful tidings to people everywhere. (Text by Marilyn Biery)

GOSPEL LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

Pastor Anne

(pp. 226-7 in Pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

**ABIDE IN ME**

Pastor Anne Lange

\*HYMN 450

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor Eric

We believe in God, the Root of all living,  
Creator of all things.  
We live in Christ Jesus, God's Son,  
who loved all people and who makes us one in his love.  
He suffered and died, and was raised to new life.  
In his death and resurrection  
we are also raised to life that is transformed.  
Christ is our Vine, and we are his branches;  
and without him we cannot live.  
We live by the Holy Spirit, flowing through us  
so that we may bear fruit for God, the fruit of love.  
In the Spirit we are one with Christ, one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world.  
We trust in the one holy church, the communing of saints,  
the forgiveness of sin,  
the mystery of resurrection,  
and the grace of eternal life. Amen.

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Eric

Microphone Available

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

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

*Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*

SUO GAN

\*RESPONSE 606

*Praise God, from Whom  
All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF THANKS

Pastor Anne

## WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

\*HYMN 611

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Anne

POSTLUDE

*Toccata on "Great Day"*

Adolphus Hailstork

### About the Service

**Today's Music:** Thanks to our guest musicians this morning while Marilyn Biery is playing a hymn festival at Grosse Pointe Memorial. John Lovegren, organist, is a member at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, where he is also the treasurer. Isaac Garrigues-Cortelyou is finishing his music studies at Oakland and will be attending Syracuse University in the fall to study choral conducting. The text to *Christ Is the Vine* © 2011 Birnamwood Publishers, is reprinted with permission

Sound Tech

Twiler French

**Today's Service:** The Call to Worship was provided by <http://rev-o-lution.org/2015/04/24/worship-resources-for-May-3rd-2015-fifth-sunday-of-easter/>; The Assurance of Pardon was written by Thom Shuman, from "Lectionary Liturgies."

### Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:

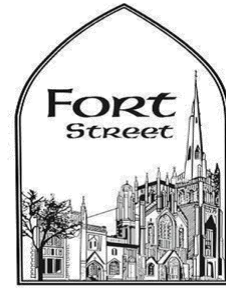
- Hearing-Assist System
- Wheelchair Access Ramp
- Wheelchair Seating--locations available in the sanctuary
- Handicap-Accessible Restroom--use elevator to second floor
- Large-Print Bulletins are available in the narthex

### 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](mailto:firstcircleinc@sbcglobal.net). or Nancy Jackson at [nancymottershawjackson@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:Sharrow13@gmail.com). The church office will contact you for your floral dedication.

## 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.



### Fort Street is hiring!

We have two positions available at Fort Street:

Temporary Office Professional to help during the summer months during one staff person's family leave, and The Director of Open Door.

More information is available on our Web Site,  
[www.fortstreet.org/openings](http://www.fortstreet.org/openings)

### Fort Street Staff

#### Church General Staff

Alison Grosch	Operations Manager
Lola JF Davidson	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

Judith Sheldon	Director
Karen Wright	Donlin Staff
Lakita Wyatt	

#### Open Door

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

#### Weddings at Fort Street

Loretta Stanton	Coordinator
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Darryl Fowler	

**Pastors:** Anne and Eric Lange • [pastor@fortstreet.org](mailto:pastor@fortstreet.org)

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

**Music Director Emeritus:** Edward Kingins

## This Week's Announcements

**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. RSVPs will be required, with more details to come soon!

### **Chorale Concert Mozart's *Requiem*, Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

General Admission: \$25 • Groups of 10+: \$20 each

Students: \$15 • Patron: \$50

Tickets are available at [fortstreet.org/chorale](http://fortstreet.org/chorale) or at the door on concert day.

Concertgoers may pay with a credit card online and either print their own tickets or get them at will call, or may buy tickets at the Church office during business hours.

### **Meaning in a Moment**

Adult Ed Series

May 6, 2018

**"History of the Bible:  
Making the New Testament Canon,"  
facilitated by Jack Callas**

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

The Stapleton Chapel

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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, with Jazz music provided. There will also be a reunion taking place for friends of the Clear Lake Camp that day. Stop by and see the pictures!

### **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.**

### **FSPC Prayer List**

Adonai, Betty, Eleanor, Gabriella Abrego, Marcus Balloon, Lynne Bieniek, Patricia Brown and family, Sharice and Shamekia Class, De Chanez family, Bobbie Edwards and family, Eunice Finch, Mia Hart, Iola Jackson, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valorie Celeste Kimbrough, Bruce Leonard, Milfordean Luster, John Millhench, Susan Moran, Kathy Neuman, Andrew Nichols, Kathy Payne and family, Berve Power, Diane Rothe, Kerri Rowland, and Marcella Scarbrough and family.

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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