

“Jesus appears to Thomas,” Jesus Mafa, 1973.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 8, 2018

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 8, 2018

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

We Walk by Faith

Hoyt Pascal

(A setting of Hymn 817)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Eric

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Eric

For those who first went out into the early dawn, when the sky was grey,
taking spices to the tomb, there was terror, and surprise.

**For us, resisting the impulse to sleep in as part of a long weekend,
and being over-familiar with the Easter story, there is the risk of complacency.**

So let us open ourselves to the astounding possibility
that life can break out at any moment!

**Let us challenge the thought that we have planned the future
so efficiently that there will be no surprises!**

Let us face the fact that the walls of this church,
and the life of our institution cannot entirely contain Jesus Christ!

**Let us celebrate the irrepressible power of God
breaking out with life where we least expect it!**

*HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABAEUS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Eric

Faithful Christ, we confess to You that our faith waivers and falls short. We allow doubts and fears to enter our lives and control our choices. We doubt the goodness of our brothers and sisters. We doubt our own ability to be of any help or hope to the world. We doubt the basics of our faith, that forgiveness is available, and that we through Christ also have the power and grace to forgive others. Christ, forgive us for our doubts and fears. Forgive us when we hold back instead of letting go. Call us to Your path of faithfulness. In Your name we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor Eric

*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 Eric

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 1:1-2:5

Pastor Eric

(pp. 224-225 in Pew Bibles)

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

DUET *In Christ Alone* Getty, Townend, arr Larson
GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31 Pastor Anne
(pp. 108-109 in Pew Bibles)
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON **“THE DOUBTS
THAT DRIVE US”** Pastor Anne Lange

*HYMN 817 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* DUNLAP’S CREEK

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From 1 Cor. 15 Pastor Eric

**Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS Pastor Eric
Microphone Available

OFFERING OF THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *How Great Thou Art* Hine, arr Larson
The text of this song may found in Hymn 625.

*RESPONSE 647 GIVE THANKS

*PRAYER OF THANKS Pastor Eric

RECOGNITION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Let us gather our hearts
Our hearts are at home in God.
Let us give thanks for God’s unfailing love.
God’s love endures forever.
Let every heart be lifted up
Let us prepare to receive our Christ.

God of all creation ...

...your living Church, a unified chorus of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest!**

Hymn 552

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER AFTER THE SACRAMENT

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your son, our savior, Jesus Christ. And you have fed us with spiritual food in the Lord. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us the strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

*HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Anne

POSTLUDE

Joyful Bells Ringing

Marilyn Biery

About the Service

Today's Music: The postlude is a setting of the hymn tune BERTOLINO by Miguel Bertolino to the text *Suenen Campanas, Suenen Tambores (Joyful Bells Ringing, Hosannas Singing)*. The tune was first published by GIA in 2011 and set by Marilyn Biery in 2015.

Today's Worship: The Call to Worship is from re:Worship, and the Prayer of Confession was written by Rev. Mindi from Rev-o-Lution.

Today's Cover Image: JESUS MAFA. *Jesus appears to Thomas*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=48302>[retrieved April 4, 2018]. Original source: <http://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr> (contact page: <https://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr/contact>).

Sound Tech

Nancy Jackson

Worship Coordinator

Kalu Uduma

Soloists

Erika Thompson; Kevin Thompson

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

**Save the Date: 50th 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!

New Church Directory

We are updating the Fort Street directory with updated contact information. During Coffee Hour, stop by the table and review your information in the church's records to make sure it is accurate. Before April 22, please make sure your information is up to date! We will be sending out the new directory by the end of April.

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### **Meaning in a Moment Adult Ed Series**

April 15

**"Lord, Help Me to Pray"**

**Facilitated by Pastor Anne Lange**

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*

### **Peace Lecture and Awards**

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.

The event is free and open to the public. Contact the Wayne State Center for Peace and Conflict Studies through their website at <http://www.clas.wayne.edu/CPCS/>

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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.

FSPC Prayer List

Lynne Bieniek, Bobbie Edwards and family, Eunice Finch, Iola Jackson, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valorie Celeste Kimbrough, Milfordean Luster, Kathy Neuman, Andrew Nichols, and Kathy Payne and family

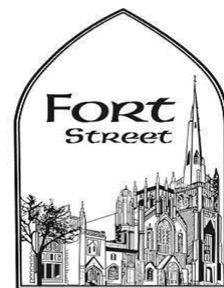
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### **Prayers for Military Loved Ones**

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

### 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 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

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

#### Weddings at Fort Street

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

**Interim Co- 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