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## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 6, 2018**

**Fort Street Presbyterian Church**

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# **.SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

*May 6, 2018*

## **WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE *Intermezzo Opus 118 No. 2* Johannes Brahms

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Eric

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Eric

Why are we looking up to heaven?

**Christ has come; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.**

Why are we looking ahead to the future?

**The Holy Spirit is among us now. In our baptism, we have already died and risen with Christ.**

Why are we afraid of death and dying?

**God's love casts out our fear.**

Why are we afraid to follow Jesus?

In Christ, we have the promise of new life now, eternal life to come. In Christ, we join our hearts to worship, God who has prepared for us to enter the reign of God.

\*HYMN 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* ASSURANCE

\*PRAYER OF BROKENNESS Pastor Eric

Eternal God, we live as if our time is more important, more precious, than anyone or anything else. We forget that You have created us all as a people for eternity, but we have prioritized our own desires. We have believed that life is short and we must do what we want to do, rather than living for Your reign that is eternal. Forgive us. Call us into good stewardship of Your time, to live for You and for others as the body of Christ, and not for ourselves. In the name of the One who has called us to be One, we pray. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor Eric

Love, Hope, and Peace are all gifts from God that cannot be contained in time. So is the gift of Life—it cannot be contained by death. Christ has freed us from the constraints of worldly time. Christ has freed you from sin and death forever. Go, live into the Good News, live into God's reign, and give over your time to loving God and loving your neighbors as yourself.

\*RESPONSE 591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* HALLE, HALLE

\*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

PSALM LESSON

Psalm 47

Pastor Eric

(p. 490 in Pew Bibles)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

DEDICATION OF THE HEDI MULFORD STEINWAY C PIANO

Pastor Anne

Eternal, caring God, we give you thanks  
for our freedom to worship;  
**and for the faithfulness and generosity of spirit  
which built up this community of faith.**

We give thanks  
For the life and memory of Hedi Mulford,  
**That her love of music  
May live on through this instrument  
That it may be used in worship and praise.**  
Honoring that faithfulness and generosity,  
we dedicate this piano to your service.  
**May it guide us in worship and praise,  
For the glory of your name. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*I Am Always With You*

Biery

**I am always with you, will never leave you; I am present always within your heart. Morning after  
morning my love comes dawning;  
I am within you, within your heart.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 1:4-11

Pastor Anne

(p. 110 in Pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

**WHY DO YOU STAND LOOKING UP?**

Pastor Anne Lange

\*HYMN 276

*Sing A New Song unto the Lord*

SING A NEW SONG

\*LITANY FOR THE JOURNEY

Pastor Eric

We are a Spirit-directed community:  
**Led to unfamiliar places,  
encountering new faces,  
discovering the Holy Spirit is with us for every step.**  
We are called by God to respond to answer the living God:  
**In every circumstance of life we face,  
We nurture among us the gifts of the Spirit  
and speak as prophets to our community  
proclaiming God's ways, God's love, God's peace.**  
And in the journey we discover our true shared life:  
**We, ourselves, are challenged by the message the Spirit gives us,  
we are led in new and surprising directions,  
taking steps that are both thrilling and frightening  
As we seek to listen and follow the living God. Amen.**

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Eric

Microphone Available

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Eric

*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

*Holy, Beloved Ones*

Franck

(adapted from Colossians 3: 12-17): Holy, beloved ones, you are God's chosen ones. Live in God's love, which binds us all in harmony. Be rich in loveliness, compassion, gentleness, wisdom, kindness, singing with thankful hearts.

\*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 547

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Anne

POSTLUDE

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

Wilbur Held

### About the Service

Today's bulletin cover is from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. Original source: <http://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr> Today's Litany For the Journey is inspired by *Prophetic Jesus, Prophetic Church* by Luke Timothy Johnson, pp. 70-71.

**About the Music:** Today we dedicate the Steinway C piano in memory of Hedi Mulford. The prelude by Johannes Brahms reflects Hedi's home country, as she was born in Germany—her sister currently lives in Hamburg, Brahms's birthplace.

Sound Tech

Nancy Jackson

Worship Coordinator

Pam Sharrow

Soloists

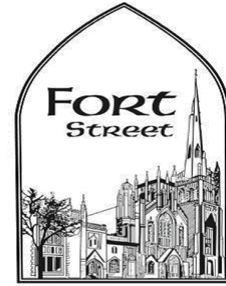
Leslie Mason and Erika Thompson

### 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

## 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 one position available at Fort Street:  
The Director of Open Door. More information is available on our Web Site,  
[www.fortstreet.org/openings](http://www.fortstreet.org/openings)

### 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.

### Fort Street Staff

#### Church General Staff

Alison Grosch	Operations Manager
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Jerry Johnson	Building Engineer
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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	
Jewell Everette	Kitchen Aide / Cook
Reginald Byrd	SCSEP
Deborah Jones	
Gleatus Jones	

#### Weddings at Fort Street

Loretta Stanton	Coordinator
Vanessa Carthron	Wedding Assistants
Austin Brantley	
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

### This Week's Announcements

**Fort Street Chorale Presents Mozart's *Requiem*, Today at 3pm**

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

Students: \$15 • Patron: \$60

Tickets available at fortstreet.org/chorale until 2 pm today. Pay with a credit card online and either print tickets, get them at will call, or use cash or check at the door.

**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!

**Meaning in a Moment  
Adult Ed Series  
May 2018**

**“History of the Bible: Making the  
New Testament Canon,” Resource  
materials by Dr. Bart D. Ehrman,  
facilitated by Jack Callas**

9:45 a.m.-10:45a.m.,  
The Stapleton Chapel  
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**Open Door Volunteer Recognition  
May 17**

Have you volunteered for Open Door recently? Come for a meal on Thursday, May 17, at 11:45pm in the Great Hall to be thanked and recognized! Call the church office to RSVP by May 10.

**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 Career Closet** needs extra-large women's pants, sizes 20 & up. They also need men's extra-large dress shirts (size 18 and up).

**FSPC Prayer List**

Betty, Eleanor, Gabriella Abrego, Marcus Balloon ,Lynne Bieniek, Patricia Brown and 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, 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