



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 5, 2018

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 5, 2018

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Largo cantabile; Allegro from Sonata in C

Loeillet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to this place,
a haven for healing and hope.

**We come, with the pain of our burdens;
we come to hear God's Word for us.**

Together, we will sing songs of joy;
each of us will hear God whisper our name:
'Beloved of my heart.'

**We join our voices in prayer and praise;
we sing of our longing for new lives.**

Here, our shadowed corners are filled with Light;
here we discover that God dwells with us.

**And not just us, for God would teach all to love;
God's Spirit would lead all peoples in peace.**

*HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Because you dwell in our hearts, Eternal God, you know how the anger, the pain, the bitterness of our lives try to crowd you out. The noise of the world deafens us to that Word which can heal us.

We want our children to be good, kind, and gentle to others, and then they hear us call others names, and speak of them with demeaning words. Our desire for revenge towards those who have hurt us shows that your peace, indeed, is not within us.

You promise a new heaven and a new earth, so create new spirits and lives within us, O God. Shattered by our sin, your heart can still heal our brokenness. Your Spirit, living deep within our souls, can teach us faithful ways. Your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your love.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Word which can transform is not some idle gossip, but good news for us. It fills us with forgiveness, equips us for service, and sends us forth to love others as God loves us.

In our midst, the Holy Spirit teaches us all we need to know, gives us what we need in order to be faithful, and fills us with peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE 591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we too should forgive one another. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM LESSON

Psalm 67

(p.500 in Pew Bibles)

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

SOLO

Pièce

Gabriel Pierné

SECOND LESSON

Acts 15:1-35

(pp.126-127 in Pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

God Who Knows the Heart

Anne Lange

*HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

*LITANY FOR THE JOURNEY

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 and 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

Microphone Available

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Largo espressivo

Loeillet

*RESPONSE 647

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

*PRAYER OF THANKS

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

*HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Allegro from Sonata in C

Loeillet

About the Music: We welcome Stephanie Shapiro, oboist, as our guest musician today. Stephanie teaches at Wayne State and plays throughout Michigan and Ohio in chamber ensembles and orchestras.

Sound Tech

Nancy Jackson

Worship Coordinator

Kalu Uduma

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

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.

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!

Fort Street is currently seeking an Interim Conductor
for the Fort Street Chorale.

Information can be found online at
<http://www.fortstreet.org/openings>

Fort Street Staff

Church General Staff		Open Door	
Alison Grosch	Operations Manager	Trish Hubbell	Director
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Music at Fort Street		Loretta Stanton	Coordinator
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Pastors: Anne and Eric Lange • pastor@fortstreet.org

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

Music Director Emeritus: Edward Kingins

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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

## This Week's Announcements

### CAT Survey Live Now!

This week a reminder email was sent with a link to the online survey to gauge the strength, vitality, and trends in our church.. We ask you to click on the link provided and tell us about your experiences in and priorities for our church. Please do not discuss the survey or your answers with others as this may influence their answers. All answers are strictly anonymous.

Paper copies are also available in the narthex with a self-addressed stamped return envelope with instructions. Surveys can be dropped in the "Cat Box" in the Great Hall.

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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).

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### Sermons available online!

Missed a sermon? Want to hear one again? Visit [fortstreet.org/sermons](http://fortstreet.org/sermons) online to hear the audio recording!

### Prayer Procession

Tomorrow, Monday, August 6th  
8:00am

Faith leaders from across metro Detroit are joining together in a prayer walk asking for the end of the practice of sending children to appear before Immigration Judges without adults or legal representation; and to end the practice of incarcerating asylum seekers and others in federal immigration detention who are neither dangers to the community or threats to national security.

The procession will lead from Fort and Third to the McNamara Federal Building at 477 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI 48226. Parking is available at Fort Street church.

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Fort Street Choir

The Fort Street choir will resume its weekly schedule on Sunday, September 9 at 9:15 am in the choir loft. New members are always welcome! For more information contact Marilyn Biery at musicdirector@fortstreet.org or talk to her after church.

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### Book Discussions on Race in America

#### Will Resume September 10th 7:00pm

Book 2 is *I'm Still Here* by Austin Channing Brown, and those discussions will begin September 10 continuing each Monday night. Pastor Anne will lead these discussions. Books are \$16.

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FSPC Prayer List

Betty, Carl, Eleanor, Lynne Bieniek, Patricia Brown and family, The Cooke family, Bobbie Edwards and family, The Falzone family, Mia Hart, Kevin Henderson and family, Motoko Huthwaite, Iola Jackson, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valorie Celeste Kimbrough, Joe Lile, Milfordean Luster, Andrew Nichols, Kathy Payne and family, Diane Rothe, Margaret Thomson, and family.