



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 2, 2018

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 2, 2018

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Adagio in G Minor

att. to Albinoni

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Again today we come together to worship— the God of creation,
of salvation, of time and eternity;
the God of all peoples, of all nations,
of all conditions of people everywhere.

Praise the Lord. All that is within me,

Praise God's holy name.

Praise the Lord and remember the kindnesses of forgiving our sins,
curing our diseases, saving us from destruction,
and surrounding us with love.

The Lord is full of mercy and compassion.

The Lord is slow to anger

and willing to give us gifts of love.

Praise the Lord! Oh, all that is within me, praise the Lord.

*HYMN 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

**our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.**

**Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,**

and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past we cannot change;

open us to a future in which we can be changed;

**and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness
and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

*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.**

***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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 90

(pp. 517-518 in Pew Bibles)

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

SOLO

To Rest From Labor

Arthur Foote

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 14:12-13

(p. 239 in Pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

Shadows

Rev. Kevin Johnson

***HYMN 716**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

***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

Rest in God

Laura Netzel

*RESPONSE 606

*Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKS

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

*HYMN 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Tarantelle

Laura Netzel

About the Music: Rose Urbiel is our violinist today, playing music of the Scandinavian composer Laura Netzel (1839-1927) who was also a social activist, working to help the cause of poor women, children and workers. She published her music under the gender-neutral pseudonym N. Lago. Tomaso Albinoni was an Italian Baroque composer who wrote operas but is mostly remembered today as the composer of the *Adagio in G Minor*, which was actually written by Remo Giazotto (1910-1998), Albinoni's music historian. Arthur Foote (1853-1937) was an American composer from Massachusetts, long-time organist of the First Church in Boston.

Sound Tech

Twiler French

Worship Coordinator

Beth Brown

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.

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.
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Fort Street Staff

Church General Staff

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| Alison Grosch | Operations Manager |
| Lola JF Davidson | Secretary |
| Jerry Johnson | Building Engineer |
| Darryl Reynolds | |
| Richard Echols | Parking and |
| Frank Hickey | Custodian |

Music at Fort Street

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| Marilyn Biery | Director and Organist |
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Donlin Center and Christian Education

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| Judith Sheldon | Director |
| Karen Wright | |
| Lakita Wyatt | Donlin Staff |

Open Door

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| Trish Hubbell | Director |
| Shelia Williams | Floor Coordinator |
| James Anderson | Security |
| Herman Hall | |
| Damien Hines | Custodians |
| Jewell Everette | Cook |
| Reginald Byrd | SCSEP Participants |
| Gleatus Jones | |

Weddings at Fort Street

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

Pastors: Anne and Eric Lange • pastor@fortstreet.org

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

Music Director Emeritus: Edward Kingins

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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### **Vacation**

The pastors are on vacation this Sunday and next Sunday. They will return to the office after Labor Day, on Tuesday, September 4th. Please be in touch with Alison Grosch, who will be in contact with us if an emergency rises.

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Fort Street Music

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! Guest instrumentalists of all ages and all abilities are also welcome! For more information contact Marilyn Biery at musicdirector@fortstreet.org or talk to her after church.

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The Adult Ed will resume its classes on Sunday, September 9, at 9:45am to 10:45am. All are welcome!

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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).

Sermons available online!

Missed a sermon? Want to hear one again? You can find them on our website at fortstreet.org/sermons.

FSPC Prayer List

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

Prayers for Military Loved Ones

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