

“Kenosis,” by Molly Devoss (www.mollydevos.com)

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SUNDAY

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 20, 2019

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude No. 15 (Raindrop)

Chopin

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God is the creator of heaven and earth

God created every blade of grass and towering tree

Our God is the architect and builder of all things

God formed the mountains and formed us all

Our God is the molder and shaper of things to come

God has plans for us, a future with hope

Come, let us worship the Author of Life

Let us celebrate our Creator and rejoice at being God's creation! Amen.

*HYMN 834

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Justice and Mercy, we confess that we have silenced our prophets. We have covered our ears by those who speak out for justice because it makes us uncomfortable. We ignore calls to end oppression and violence because it is inconvenient for us. We avoid the looks of the poor because they embarrass us. Forgive us, Lord, for not learning from the mistakes of our ancestors, who ignored and killed their prophets. Forgive us when we follow their steps instead of following Your ways. In the name of Christ, who forgives us, we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God's faithfulness endures forever. God forgives, renews, and restores. God's mercies are new every morning. We are called to seek the restoration and healing of others in our own forgiveness. Go with this good news, that God loves you deeply, and calls you into new life. **Amen.**

RESPONSE SONG 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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 51:4-6

(pp. 640-641 in Pew Bibles)

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

SOLO

My Good Lord's Done Been Here

Spiritual, arr Hogan

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 1:12-26

(p. 185 in Pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

Rejoicing in the Suffering

Pastor Anne Lange

*HYMN 379

We Shall Overcome

WE SHALL OVERCOME

*LITANY OF CELEBRATION

Martin King had a dream. The ideals of justice and freedom and the belief that all are created equal in the eyes of God are noble principles. But they are meaningless unless they become the personal possession of each one of us.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent. I will struggle with myself. I will not rest until the dream of justice and freedom becomes my personal dream. I must realize that I am not an innocent bystander. I can help realize the dream by my action, or delay it by my inaction.

Martin's dream of a day when people from all races and nations, even the offsprings of slaves and former slave owners, can sit at a table as brothers and sisters and find ways of transforming their differences into assets. That was Martin's dream. What is your dream?

My dream is that one day soon I will find a way to stop just celebrating the dream and start living it. It must become a part of my daily life; or nothing much will change.

The dream is not about an ideal world; it is about the real world. Martin King's poetic refrain, "I Have a Dream," is a call for us to remember the real world where injustice abounds.

When I am in the shelter of my home I must remember the homeless. When I eat, I must remember the hungry. When I feel secure I must remember the insecure. When I see injustice I must remember that it will not stop unless I stop it.

I have a dream!

I also have a dream. I have a dream that the Holy Spirit will arouse in me that very flame of righteousness that cause Martin King to become a living sacrifice for the freedom and liberation of all God's Children. Then I will be able to resist racial injustice everywhere I see it, even within myself.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

OFFERTORY

Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name

Spiritual, arr. Dennard

*RESPONSE 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

*HYMN 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on Old Hundredth

Pachelbel

Liturgist

Emeka Uduma

Soloist

Leslie Douglass Mason

Sound Tech

Twiler French

Worship Coordinator

Craig McLean

About the music: The Fort Street Choir and Soloists sing a lot of spirituals at Fort Street, but Black History Month is approaching, giving us good reason to sing even more arrangements of this art form that has become an essential component of church music repertoire all over the world. Today's music pays homage to Dr. Martin Luther King. If people have requests for a spiritual to be sung either solo or as a choir, please talk to Marilyn Biery.

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.

This Week's Announcements

New Committee Structure for Fort Street

At its most recent meeting, the Session of Fort Street approved changes to the committee structure for the church. This change is intended to simplify the church's structure and to focus on the spiritual purposes of each committee in the life of the church. The new committees are:

- A **Gathering or Invitation Committee**, asking, "How do we invite people to join the life and work at Fort Street?"
- A **Congregational Life Committee**, asking, "How do we grow deeper with God and with one another?"
- An **Outreach and Mission Committee**, asking, "How do we make a tangible difference in our community?"

If you are interested in working with one of these committees, please write a note on the back of the welcome cards and drop it in the offering plate.

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#### **Adult Education in 2019**

In the spring of 2019, the Adult Sunday School course will be looking at the Four Gospels, looking at the specific perspective each Gospel takes towards the story of Jesus. Pastor Eric is leading next Sunday's lesson, on the 5th Chapter of Mark, on "Jesus' Messianic Secret."

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Elder Care Planning Workshop - Feb. 3 After Worship

We are pleased to have Sarah Pangborn, an Elder Law and Estate Planning Attorney join us after service on Sunday, February 3, 2019 for a valuable educational seminar. Ms. Pangborn and her law firm, Mall Malisow & Cooney, P.C., specialize in the areas of Estate Planning and Elder Law and are experts in: preparing Wills, Trusts, and Powers of Attorney and in assisting families with protecting their assets from the costs of Nursing Home long-term care. She will give an informal presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

FSPC Prayer List

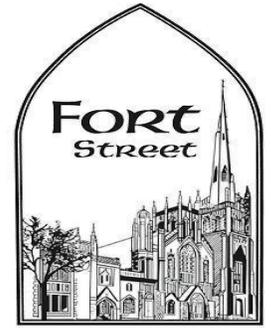
Carmen Abrego, Lynne Bieniek, Motoko Huthwaite, Liam Lillard Sr., the family of Jeremy Richter,
the family of Danielle Mitchell Robison

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.



Today's Kenosis Hymn:

Following Paul's instruction in Philippians 2:5, "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus..." the 'hymn' below is inspired by today's sermon and follows the pattern of Philippians 2:6-11.

Although we yearn for rest and escape from a world of injustice and alienation,

But God calls us to empty ourselves for the sake of others,
encouraging, building up and caring for their needs

Therefore, Christ meets us in those places of emptiness,
and we form relationships of acceptance, courage, perseverance and strength.

Because injustice and alienation are addressed most deeply through the connections we make with
one another in Christ.

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