

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

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 24, 2019

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Two Spirituals

arr. Richard Proulx

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 95

If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.

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Come, everyone, let's sing to the Lord.

Let us tell the world that God has saved us. Let us thank him from the bottom of our hearts. Let us sing songs of praise to him.

If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.

Come, let us bow down our heads and pray to God. Let us kneel before the God who made us. He is our God. We are his people. He loves us.

If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.

Today if you hear the voice of God in your hearts, follow it.

Do not grumble or argue the way the people in the desert did when everything didn't go the way they expected it to.

If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.

*HYMN 386

Come Worship God

O QUANTA QUALIA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, You asked for our hands, that you might use them for your purpose.

We gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard.

You asked for our mouths to speak out against injustice.

We gave you a whisper, that we might not be accused.

You asked for our eyes to see the pain of poverty.

We closed them, for we did not want to see.

You asked for our lives, that you might work through us.

We gave small parts, that we might not get too involved.

Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve you—

only when it is convenient to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so.

Father, forgive us.

renew us, sending us out as a usable instrument, that we might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, says the Lord.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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

LESSON ONE

Psalm 34:1-10

(p.480-481 in Pew Bibles)

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

SOLO

Deep River

Spiritual, arr. Burleigh

LESSON TWO

Philippians 4:4-9

(p.187 in Pew Bibles)

*HYMN 692 *Spirit, Open My Heart*

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”

The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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

Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. William L. Dawson

*RESPONSE 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

*HYMN 850

In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Eugène Gigout

Soloist

Erika Thompson

Sound Tech

Tom Marshall

Worship Coordinator

Pam Sharrow

About the music: Richard Proulx (1937-2010) was an American composer and editor, born in St. Paul, MN and died in Chicago. For many years he was music director Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. William L. Dawson (1899-1990) was an African-American composer and arranger, associated for many years with the Tuskegee Institute.

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 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

Annual Meeting of the Congregation - February 24, 2019, after worship

The Session of Fort Street Presbyterian Church has called for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to be held today, Sunday, February 24, 2019 immediately following the 11:00 AM worship for the purpose of: receiving reports from all boards, officers, and committees; review of the 2017 budget; reviewing the pastors' terms of call, and electing congregational representatives to the Nominating Committee.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday service will be held on Wednesday, March, 6 at 6 pm. There will be dinner served after the service.

Open Door: Additional Support Services

Fort Street offers additional services to the community through our Open Door Program. The following services will be offered for free:

Medical Services On March 21, at 8:30 am - 11:30 am Advantage Health Centers will be extending their services here at Fort Street with physicians and nurse practitioners volunteering to get to know the community we serve, building trust with those who may be homeless or uninsured.

Dental Services Advantage Health Centers will also be doing free dental screenings on February 28 and March 7, at 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Legal Services Southwest Detroit Immigration and Refugee Center is offering legal services through their legal clinic on March 14 at 9 am - 11 am.

Detroit ID The City of Detroit offers to IDs to all residents including returning citizens, homeless individuals, and immigrants regardless of immigration status, to give residents access to critical services they may not be able to obtain otherwise. They will be here at Fort Street on Thursday March 7, at 9 am - 11 am to register residents for IDs.

Information Session on Music Program - March 3 After Worship

We will hold a listening session about the music program following worship on Sunday, March 3, in Keely Commons.

Flowers were given by Kate Callas

In loving memory of Elena Callas on her 37th birthday.

We love you and miss you.

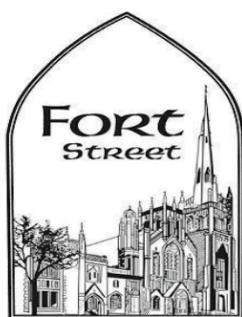
-Dad, Mom, Beth, and Robin

FSPC Prayer List

Carmen Abrego, Lynne Bieniek, Motoko Huthwaite, 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 structure of the hymn of Philippians 2:6-11, with the key turns marked in brackets.

[**Although**] God places a call on our life on how to live and act,
[**But**] we are always a 'work in progress' on becoming more Christ-like,
And [**Therefore**] in faith we await Christ's power to transform our lives and our community
Because God's call on our lives shares in God's great plans
for the healing of the world.

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