

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

May 12, 2019

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 12, 2019

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Fugue in G Minor

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God calls to us in the midst of our busy lives:

"Be still and know that I am God."

*HYMN 371

New Song of Celebration Render

RENDEZ À DIEU

*LITANY OF CONFESSION

We keep silent before you, Lord—

we are afraid to confront our transgressions;

we are terrified to face the reality of our sin;

we feel as if the weight of the world were upon our shoulders;

we no longer recognize ourselves or what we have become

as we keep our failings and fears inside.

Help us admit our sins and accept our imperfections.

You are the sanctuary where distress cannot reach us.

In your steadfast love, forgive us.

In your healing caress, cleanse us.

In your Holy Spirit, restore us.

In the name of our Savior, we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God will provide for your needs.

Place your trust in God.

You are not alone. God is with you always.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON ONE

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

(p. 159 in Pew Bibles)

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

ANTHEM

And We'll All Sing Hallelujah!

Harold Stover

LESSON TWO

Psalm 104:5-30

(pp. 524-525 in Pew Bibles)

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

SERMON

"God in the Wilderness"

Rev. Eric Lange

*HYMN 847

Our Hope, Our Life

O WALY WALY

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Microphone Available

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Hallelujah, Amen

G.F. Handel

*RESPONSE 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion is served today via intinction: participants are invited to come forward in a line to the communion table. You are invited to take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. The Presbyterian tradition holds that "all who come to the table are offered the bread and cup regardless of their age or understanding" (Book of Order, W-3.0409). In that spirit, we offer communion to children of any age at the parent's discretion.

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Three questions:

What are we going to do at this table?

Why do we share bread and juice?

But I wasn't there with Jesus. What should I remember?

Children and family members can return to their seats to take communion with their families.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE ARE SENT OUT TO PROCLAIM THE WORD

*HYMN 370

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

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

Sound Tech

Nancy Jackson

Worship Coordinator

Kalu Uduma

Today's Call to Worship is from reformedworship.org, and the Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness were adapted from liturgy written by Nancy Towley from Ministry Matters.

The sanctuary flowers are given today in loving memory of Suzanne Lile, from her husband, Joe.

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

The Table Setters at Fort Street - May 18, 10:00am - 3:00pm

The Presbytery of Detroit and The Table Setters are coming together to set multiple table events in 2019. Like many organizations in our country today, the P.o.D. is grappling with how to transform an appreciation for multiculturalism into active steps towards anti-racism and healing. You may register for the event at <https://events.ticketprinting.com/event/Table-Setters-Workshop-32765>

Go For a Walk!

This May, we are inviting Fort Streeters to pay close attention to their neighborhoods, noticing the rhythms of your own community. Orange cards are available to give you prompts and reflections - we will gather these reflections to share findings about your walks. You are invited to drop orange cards with your comments in the offering plate each Sunday in May.

Coffee Hour Conversations

In preparation for Fort Street's next installed pastor, a "Self Study" process is underway. On May 19th, during coffee hour following worship, we will be asking the question - What skills do we need in our next pastor? Notes from this meeting will be incorporated into the Self Study.

Film Screening May 23 - "Resilience" at Fort Street

Cost is \$10, with lunch available for \$5 extra.

On Thursday, May 23, at 11:30am, FSPC is hosting a screening of the documentary, "Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope," which explores the effects of stress on children's development. After the showing a discussion will follow. This screening is a project in collaboration between Fort Street Open Door, the Interfaith Health and Hope Coalition, and the Wayne County Mental Health Authority.

St. Francis Film at The Redford Theatre

Thursday, June 6, 8:00pm

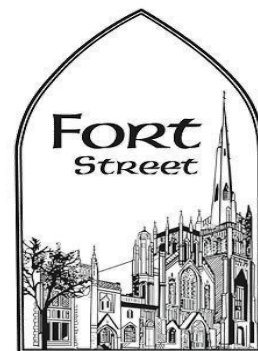
This new documentary film, '**Sign of Contradiction**' presents St. Francis as a real person, not a characterization of an animal-loving saint from a distant time. Tickets are \$7 online at redfordtheatre.com or \$10 at the door. Contact Lynne Bieniek if you have questions.

Healing and Wholeness Service - May 22

Join Pastor Anne for a worship service planned around God's healing power. Through shared liturgy, prayer, and music, participants will be surrounded by love, prayer, and peace. A Soup dinner will be available starting at 5:30pm and the service will begin at 6:00pm. Children are welcome!

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.



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SCSEP Participants

Brenda Boykin

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Weddings at Fort Street

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

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

Music Director Emeritus: Edward Kingins

Prayers for Military Loved Ones

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