FORT STREET
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11.22.26 | 11:00 AM

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Prelude *Wayfarin' Stranger* Marina Stojanovska
arr. C. Taylor

Call to Worship
We gather in the presence of God, who calls us into community and binds our lives together in love.
We come with our hopes and our questions, our strengths and our needs.
Sometimes we are the ones who carry others. Sometimes we are the ones who need to be carried.
In every season of life, we belong to one another.
May the eyes of our hearts be enlightened, that we might recognize God's presence and power among us.
Let us worship God, whose love makes room for us all!

***Hymn #305** *Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
God of compassion, you have created us for connection, yet we confess that we sometimes forget how deeply we need one another. We imagine that strength means independence, and we overlook the gifts of interdependence. We fail to recognize the barriers that prevent others from participating fully in our communities, and sometimes we hesitate to make the changes that love requires. Forgive us when we close doors rather than opening them. Give us courage to make room for one another, wisdom to recognize the needs around us, and compassion to share both our strengths and our vulnerabilities. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Time for the Child in us all

Hymn #761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

* Please stand in body or in spirit

Scripture Readings Ephesians 1:15-23
Mark 2:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Message *Carried* Rev. Renee Roederer

Offertory *Thanks Be to God* Michele Marszalkowski
S. Dickson

***Doxology** *Hymn #606*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the People/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**

***Hymn #306** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Blessing Rev. Renee Roederer

Postlude *Go Down, Moses* Marina Stojanovska
arr. C. Taylor

Guest Preacher: Rev. Renee Roederer
Guest Musicians: Marina Stojanovska, Michele Marszalkowski

About our Speaker: Rev. Renee Roederer is a non-profit leader and ordained Presbyterian Church (USA) minister who lives in Ann Arbor. She serves as the Senior Director of Programs and Community Care at the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. Renee enjoys choral singing, hiking, nature photography, and traveling, and she's an avid writer, and you are invited to engage with her writing on her personal website, Smuggling Grace (www.reneeroederer.com). One of her greatest joys in life is the large, chosen family she has built over time, with whom she enjoys keeping in touch, laughing hard, and reflecting on life.

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