FORT STREET
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11.8.26 | 11:00 AM

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made the heavens and the earth.
O praise the Lord with me!
Let us exalt God's name together.

Opening Prayer
O God, you are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable.
You are glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion,
and abundant in grace and truth.
Your works everywhere praise you,
and your true face is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Therefore we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity,
one God forever and ever. Amen.

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done
to displease you.
Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light again,
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Words of Forgiveness

* Please stand in body or in spirit

Hymn #458 *(remain seated)* *Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet*

Scripture Readings Psalm 123
Matthew 25: 1-13

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

Message *Keeping Awake* Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder

Hymn #451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Offertory *O Light of Life* Dorothy Duensing

***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 #343** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

Blessing Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder

Postlude

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder
Guest Musicians: Natasha Stojanovska, Dorothy Duensing

About our Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder, Ph.D. has been serving Presbyterian churches for the past thirty years. Recently retired, she now serves as a parish associate at the Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills and as a chaplain at Glacier Hills Senior Communities in Ann Arbor. Originally from Germany, she came over on a Rotary scholarship to study journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The Rev. Kidder is the author of ten books in historical theology, New Testament literature, and spirituality and a former associate professor at the Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit. She lives in Ann Arbor with her cat Willie.

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