

**ALL ARE WELCOME** | *Whether you are young or old, rich or poor, doubtful or hopeful ... no matter where you are in your faith journey, YOU are welcome here. For those with children, be assured that noises and wiggling are signs of a church that is alive and growing; your entire family is welcome in worship.*

**MAY 3, 2015** | 8:30 A.M.

**Prelude** "Meditation" Alexander Guilmant

**Welcome to The Peoples Church!** Rev. Andrew Pomerville

**Call to Worship** (Inspired by Ephesians 2:11-22)

Leader: We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ —

**People:** **members of God's family,  
and brothers and sisters to one another.**

Leader: There are no outsiders here among us,  
no one has any special standing or bragging rights.

**People:** **For we have been brought together  
by the redeeming love of Jesus.**

Leader: Let's join together in worship!

**Gathering Hymn** "Rejoice, the Lord is King" **No. 363**  
(Please stand if able.)

**Prayer of Confession** (Inspired by John 3:16)

**God, you loved this world so much that you sent your own son, Jesus Christ to live and die among us, in order that we might have life. Forgive us for keeping that abundant life to ourselves, for jealously hoarding your generous gifts, for choosing self-interest over compassion and justice. Teach us what it means to live as children of the light, generously sharing your abundance with our brothers and sisters in need. Amen**

**Celebration of Holy Communion** | Words of Institution

**Hymn of Reflection** "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" **No. 444**

**Old Testament Reading** Psalm 31:9-16  
(Pew Bible Page 552, Large Print Page 799)

**Hymn of Hope** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" **No. 39**

**New Testament Reading** Philippians 2:5-11  
(Pew Bible Page 1,179, Large Print Page 1,785)

## **Prayers of the People**

*(During the pastoral prayer there will be a time to offer prayers of joy and concern, voiced aloud or silently for and on behalf of others.)*

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving & Dedication of Gifts | Offertory**

**Act of Praise** *(Please stand if able.)*

**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.**

## **Prayer of Dedication**

**Gather the gifts of our hands and hearts, living Spirit. Use these gifts to build not monuments to your distant glory, but testaments to your intimate love. Amen.**

**Meditation**

“Continuing Community”

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

## **Celebration of Holy Communion | Receiving the Elements**

**Passing the Peace of Christ** *(Please stand if able.)*

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Benediction** *(Please stand if able.)*

## **Benediction Response**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**





## CONNECT

### STRAWBERRY BREAKFAST | MAY 13

The Women of Peoples Church host their annual Strawberry Breakfast from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on May 13 in Snider Social Hall. They will celebrate "Michigan Women of Faith" with keynote speaker Emily Fijol, executive director of the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame. Tickets are \$8.



### PASTOR DREW'S PEOPLES PEDAL | MAY 17

Pastor Drew's Peoples Pedal 2 will ride on May 17 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sack lunches will be provided and several routes will take riders across the MSU campus and along the river trail. Helmets are required. Children 13 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Register for free at [ThePeoplesChurch.com](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com) or the back of this bulletin.



## SHARE

### DONATE YOUR USED BOOKS

The Library Committee is collecting books for its annual Used Book Sale on May 16-17. Donations may be left on the stage in Snider Social Hall. Please, no magazines.

### DONATE ITEMS TO THE JEWELRY SALE

The Annual WPC Jewelry Sale will be May 16-17. Please deliver donations to the church office by May 11. Don't forget to tell your friends about this wonderful sale!



## SPECIAL OFFERTORY & CONCERT FOR NEPAL SUNDAY, MAY 10

In an effort to support relief efforts following the 7.8-magnitude earthquake that devastated Nepal on April 25, the Community Engagement Ministry committee of The Peoples Church has pledged \$3,000 in aid and called for a special second offertory to be taken up at worship services on May 10.

Doctoral students from the MSU College of Music also will perform a special concert at 4 p.m. on May 10 at The Peoples Church to benefit relief efforts in Nepal.



### Pastor Andrew's *Challenge to Love*

### PEOPLES CHURCH HAIR CUT | MAY 20

After 12 months of growing our hair, dozens of members and friends of our congregation will be cutting and donating their locks on May 20 as part of Pastor Andrew's Challenge to Love. After mourning the death of 5-year-old Charlie Waller, a challenge was made to grow and donate hair to make wigs for children. Prior to the cutting, a free meal will be served to the community at 5:30 p.m. in the Snider Social Hall. Thank you to the many who have donated their hair privately since the challenge was issued last year.

**I WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT AT THE LIBRARY'S USED BOOK SALE**

**FRIDAY, MAY 15**

9 a.m. (Set Up)

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

12 to 2 p.m.

2 to 5 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 17**

9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

12:30 to 2 p.m.

2 p.m. (Pack Up)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**I WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT AT THE WPC'S JEWELRY AND MORE SALE**

**FRIDAY, MAY 15**

9 a.m. (Set Up)

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

12 to 3 p.m.

3 to 6 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 17**

8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**PASTOR DREW'S PEOPLES PEDAL 2**

*Registration is free, but we need a count for lunch. Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult.*

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Riders Older than 13+: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Riders Younger than 13: \_\_\_\_\_