

MAY I NEVER BOAST EXCEPT IN THE **CROSS**  
OF OUR LORD **JESUS CHRIST.** - GALATIANS 6:14

**ORDER OF WORSHIP | JULY 26, 2015**

**Prelude**      *Sonata IV: "Andante" and "Allegretto"*      Felix Mendelssohn

**Welcome to The Peoples Church!**      Rev. Drew Filkins

**Call to Worship** (Based on Psalm 27; John 4:23)

**Leader:**      Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**People:**      **The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

**Leader:**      We desire to live in God's house  
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**People:**      **We have come with shouts of joy,  
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

**Leader:**      Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People:**      **Teach us your ways and make straight our paths  
in this hour of worship and always.**

**Gathering Hymn**      "God Is Here!"      No. 409  
(Please stand if able.)

**Prayer of Confession** (Inspired by Galatians 5:13-25, Luke 9:51-62)

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**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.*

**SUMMER WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. - Chapel  
9:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

**WEDNESDAY**

6:15 p.m. - Chapel



**THE  
PEOPLES  
CHURCH**

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**First Reading**

Psalm 27: 11-14  
(Pew Bible Page 550, Large Print Page 796)

**Children's Moment** (9:30 a.m.)

**Passing the Peace of Christ** (9:30 a.m.)

*(Please stand if able.)*

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Solo** (9:30 a.m.)

"Teach Me Thy Song, O Lord"  
*Ben Clements, bass*

Craig Courtney

**Second Reading**

Galatians 6:1-18  
(Pew Bible Page 1,171, Large Print Page 1,774)

**Sermon**

"Compared to What?"

Betsy Aho



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**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.**

**Presentation of New Members** (9:30 a.m.)

Reneé & Curtiss DeMars-Johnson

Kristen Mayville

**We believe the teachings of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,  
and with the help of God, we will strive daily to live the life of purity,  
unselfishness and service which He exemplified to the world.**

**Thanksgiving & Dedication of Gifts**

**Offertory Music**

"Polonaise-Fantasie in A<sup>b</sup> Major Op. 61"  
*ShanShan Ding, piano*

Frederic Chopin

**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**

**Gracious God, we thank you for gifts that belong not to us alone, but to all our sisters and brothers, since they too are created in your image. Let their need become our need; let their hunger become our hunger; and grant to us also a portion of their pain, so that in sharing ourselves, we discover the Christ who walks with our brothers and sisters. Amen.**

**Celebration of Holy Communion** (8:30 a.m.)

**Passing the Peace of Christ** (8:30 a.m.)

*(Please stand if able.)*

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

**Sending Hymn** (9:30 a.m.)

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

**No. 546**

**Benediction** (9:30 a.m.) *(Please stand if able.)*

**Benediction Response** (9:30 a.m.)

**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.**

**Postlude** (9:30 a.m.)

“Trumpet Voluntary”

John Stanley

**Today's Floral Dedication**

*In memory of David VanLooy by Chip, Denice, and Dorothy VanLooy*



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### PASTOR ANDREW'S 'PULPIT SWAP'

Pastor Andrew and his family departed this week for Scotland, where he is swapping pulpits with the Rev. Malcolm Rooney, who will preach at The Peoples Church on Aug. 2, 9 and 16. You can follow the Pomerville family's journey at [The PeoplesChurch.com](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com)

### SENIOR RECITAL: TODAY

All are invited and welcome to attend church member DJ Shafer's senior recital at 6:30 p.m. today in the Sanctuary. Desserts will be served in the Robertson Room following the concert.

### ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR NEEDED | DANCE 149

We are in search of an assistant instructor for our *Wednesday Night Live!* children's dance program this fall. Contact Meaghan at 517-908-4447 or [mgonzlaes@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:mgonzlaes@thepeopleschurch.com)

### LUGNUTS GAME | AUG. 23

Our annual Peoples Church outing to the Lugnuts is booked for 2:05 p.m. on Aug. 23. Tickets include an all-you-can-eat meal and Kids Day activities. Reserve tickets at [ThePeoplesChurch.com](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com).



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

**5:30 p.m.**

Community Meal, Friendship Hall

**6:15 p.m.**

Worship Service with Communion  
& Sunday Scripture, McCune Chapel

**6:45 p.m.**

Run/Walk Group, MSU Campus  
&  
Free Yoga Class, Robertson Room

*Childcare Available: Infants - 3rd Grade.*

## SUNDAY RECYCLING PROGRAM



### NEXT DROP-OFF: SMALL BATTERIES (FIRST SUNDAY)

The Peoples Church Recycling Program is a volunteer service to the members of our faith community. Items can be dropped off near our sign in the Northwest Entrance. Please be sure to only drop off items at this location on the Sundays that they are to be collected. It is difficult for us to store all of the items we recycle. Also, clean and rinse the items you bring in. Soiled items will be discarded in the trash. Recycle many other items each day at our Recycling Center across from the Church Office.

**FIRST SUNDAY:** SMALL BATTERIES

**SECOND SUNDAY:** POLYSTYRENE FOAM

**THIRD SUNDAY:** PLASTIC #1-7

**FOURTH SUNDAY:** GREEN GLASS