



Are you envious because I am generous?
+ MATTHEW 20:15+

ORDER OF WORSHIP | AUGUST 30, 2015

Prelude "Balm in Gilead" arr. L.N. Porter

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Call to Worship

Leader: O God from whom every gift derives,
we gather to worship you this day.

People: **You are an awesome God,
greater than our comprehension or our imagination.**

Leader: And yet, through Jesus,
we know the intimacy of your vast love.

People: **We have come to you in thanksgiving and praise,
to know that you are God and to place
our lives anew into your perspective.**

Leader: Enlarge our vision of you, ourselves,
each other, and creation this hour.

People: **Let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.**

Gathering Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" No. 1
(Please stand if able.)

Prayer of Confession

Gracious, inviting God, you continually provide us with opportunities to practice generous hospitality. But our fear of difference, reluctance to share, and desire to be in control make our welcome appear weak and insincere.

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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 NIGHT LIVE!

Returns Sept. 16



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Because we long for what is familiar and comfortable, we have difficulty honoring the stranger as a sacred guest who reflect the face of Christ. Worn out and irritated by the work we think we must do, we miss opportunities to receive the gifts that such guests offer us. Forgive us, O God, for focusing on the wrong things. Show us how to do what is right.

First Reading

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
(Pew Bible Page 562, Large Print Page 817)

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.)

"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"
Jessica Glaser, mezzo-soprano

Mrs. S.A. Martin

Second Reading

Mathew 20:1-16
(Pew Bible Page 987, Large Print Page 1,501)

Sermon

"Waiting All Day to Work"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

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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.

Thanksgiving & Dedication of Gifts

Offertory Music

"Sweet Hour Of Prayer"

arr. David Hegarty

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

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: God, our father in Christ, it is good to be alive,
to share life with each other in your wonderful creation:

People: **We are most grateful, and we thank you, Lord. 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.)

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

No. 726

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 in Dialogue”

Louis Clerambault

Today's Floral Dedication

Given by Irene Seahawk in honor of her mother's 98th birthday.



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MISSION TRIP: VILLA EL SALVADOR, PERU

Pastor Drew will lead a mission trip Jan. 22-30 to serve along side our friends at *Los Martincitos*. Space is limited. He will host an informational meeting following worship on Sept. 20. Questions? Contact Pastor Drew.

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 mgonzales@thepeopleschurch.com

MEMORIAL DEDICATIONS FOR SUNDAY FLOWERS

Sunday Floral Dedications offer members weekly opportunities to celebrate important moments and honor loved ones. Dedications may be reserved with a memorial gift of \$85 made payable to The Peoples Church to benefit the Sanctuary Fund. Reserve a Sunday by in the notebook at the Welcome Center or contact the Church Office at 517-332-5073.



TIME CHANGE: WE RETURN TO 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ON SEPT. 13.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! HAS CONCLUDED ITS SUMMER SEASON AND RETURNS SEPT. 16.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Phoebe Circle of the Women of Peoples will once again sponsor Operation Christmas Child with shoe-box gifts this year. Shoe boxes will be available at the church beginning Sept. 13 and include instructions about how to fill it to support local children and the Samaritan's Purse international effort. Questions? Call 517-337-1446.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL COLLECTION

As part of our continued Community Engagement partnership with Edgewood Village, we will collect school supplies for the community's young residents who will return to their academic rhythms next month. Items can be delivered to the Outreach Baskets in the Sanctuary and near the Welcome Center through Labor Day.

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