



*“My Lord
and My God.”*

- John 20:28

ORDER OF WORSHIP | AUGUST 28, 2016

Prelude “Lord Be Glorified” arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Call to Worship Alex Gosselin

Leader: God, we come before you with inquiry and doubt

People: Gathered with more questions than answers.

Leader: God, we come before you with a desire to know you

People: Gathered with the hope that you might open our minds and hearts to your call.

Leader: God, we come before you with courageous faith,

People: Gathered with the knowledge that while we may stumble, we are your people: saints and sinners, faithful and questioning. Help us know you and respond boldly to your love. Amen.

Opening Hymn “My Life Flows On” No. 821

Prayer for Wisdom

Leader: Wondrous God, who pours out freely the Holy Spirit:

People: How often have we ignored your promptings, how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts.

Leader: Wondrous God, who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother, and being found in human form, made the ultimate disclosure of yourself in the face of Jesus Christ:

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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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. - Chapel
10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m. - Dinner
6:30 p.m. - Programs

**Returns Sept. 14*



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People: How often have we forgotten you, how seldom have we really loved and followed you.

Leader: Wondrous God, who sets suns and moons above us, mountains and valleys beneath us, and friends and strangers among us:

People: How often have we tried to hide from your presence, how seldom have we looked for your creating face and your fashioning hand.

Lord, forgive us. Amen.

First Reading

Joshua 1: 7-9
(Pew Bible Page 213; Large Print 301)

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

Children's Moment (10:30 a.m.)

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

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

*Children are dismissed to participate in Children's Chapel at this time. (10:30 a.m.)
You may pick up your child in the Robertson Room following the worship service.*

Solo

"O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
Jenna Buck, soprano

arr. Douglas Wagner

Second Reading

John 20: 19-28
(Pew Bible Page 1,088; Large Print 1,652)

Sermon

"Question Everything?"

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.

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory

Setting on "Beach Spring"

arr. Henry Balcombe

Act of Praise

**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

Generous God, you have given us life, a place to live in and people to live with. Open our eyes to our brothers and sisters. Make us humble enough to help and comfort those in need, and courageous enough to be in the service of others and to you. We ask you to use our lives and our gifts for you and your children everywhere. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Live Into Hope"

No. 772

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.**

Postlude

"Live Into Hope"

arr. Seth Bingham

Today's Floral Offering

To the Glory of God.

**FLOOD RELIEF:
SPECIAL COLLECTION | AUG. 28 & SEPT. 4**

The Community Engagement Ministry will sponsor a special collection Aug. 28 and Sept. 4 to support flood relief efforts in southeastern Louisiana. The collection will benefit the local relief efforts of Celebration Church, which ministers to nine communities across the greater New Orleans area. Community Engagement ministry members already have pledged \$1,500 to this effort. Please make checks payable to The Peoples Church and indication "Flood Relief" in the memo or give online at ThePeoplesChurch.com/GIVE and note "Flood Relief" in the memo. Learn more about Celebration Church at CelebrationChurch.org.



**WE'RE HIRING:
PRESCHOOL TEACHING ASSISTANTS**

Peoples Church Preschool is in need of teaching assistants for Fall 2016. Interested? Contact the Preschool Office at 517-332-2885.

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2017

Attention 8th & 9th Grade Families: Contact with Pastor Drew at dfilkins@thepeopleschurch.com if your student plans on participating in our Confirmation Class this year or if you have questions about it. An orientation meeting will be hosted at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 18 in the Centennial Room.

THANK YOU, ROB KEITH!

I invite you to join me in appreciation of Rob Keith for his service to The Peoples Church as our Children's Christian Education Director. I look forward to leading our wonderful children's programs over the next year as we search for a new director. Our exciting Sunday School program and Carol Choir start on Sept. 11. We also will continue to offer dynamic *Wednesday Night Live!* programs and look forward to celebrating the holidays with our Children's Christmas Program this December. If you have any questions about these offerings or are interested in volunteer opportunities, please contact me.

- Grace and Peace, Pastor Drew

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

We are in need of a few Sunday School Teachers, particularly at the 4th/5th-grade level. If you are interested in serving our church in this way, contact Pastor Drew to learn more.



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LOOKING FORWARD

SERVING OUR **CAMPUS** OUR **COMMUNITY** AND OUR **CONGREGATION**