



But he wanted to justify himself,
so he asked Jesus,

“And who is my neighbor?”

- Luke 10:29

ORDER OF WORSHIP | JULY 17, 2016

Prelude “Fantasia in G Major” J.S. Bach

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Call to Worship Rick Shafer
(Inspired by Genesis 22: 1-14; Micah 6:8; Deuteronomy 6:5)

Leader: What does the Lord require of us?

**People: To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

Leader: What does God command of us?

**People: To love God with all our heart,
and all our soul,
and all our mind,
and all our strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

Leader: Let us worship the God who believes in us,
and trusts in us, and abides with us.

**People: Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,
but will be beside us every step of the way.**

Opening Hymn “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” No. 722

Prayer for Refugees and Immigrants

Our God, you have given us in your word the stories of persons who needed to leave their homelands — Abraham, Sarah, Ruth, Moses. Help us to remember that when we speak of immigrants and refugees, we speak of Christ. In the One who had no place to lay his head, and in the least of his brothers and sisters, you come to us again, a stranger seeking refuge. We confess that we often turn away.

(continued)

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
6:15 p.m. - Worship



200 W. Grand River Ave.
East Lansing, MI 48823
517-332-5073

ThePeoplesChurch.com

You have chosen that the life of Jesus be filled with events of unplanned travel and flight from enemies. You have shown us through the modeling of Jesus how we are called to relate to persons from different nations and cultures. You have called us to be teachers of your word. We ask you, our God, to open our minds and hearts to the challenge and invitation to model your perfect example of love. Amen.

First Reading

Ruth 4:13-21
(Pew Bible Page 266; Large Print 377)

Solo

“Put on Love”
Hallie Reed, soprano

Jeff English

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.

Second Reading

Luke 10:25-37
(Pew Bible Page 1,040; Large Print 1,581)

Joe Kennedy

Sermon

“Bitterly Kind”

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

 [@Connect2TPC #TPCsermon](#)

Celebration of Baptism (10:30 a.m.)

Mirabella Kathleen Shank
Born October 8, 2015
Daughter of Colleen & Mark Shank

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.

Baptismal Hymn (10:30 a.m.)

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

No. 700

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

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. Mark Hayes

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

Leader: Again and again, we return to you, most welcoming God.

**People: Again and again, we sit at your feet, learning to love more often,
more tangibly to give more selflessly, more unreservedly to listen
more carefully and speak more boldly.**

**Again and over again, we share your table, marveling at the
abundance of your life at the wellspring of your imagination at
the hope that we find when we rest in you.**

Leader: Again and again, we give you thanks, most wondrous God. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

No. 547

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

“Jubilate”

Gordon Young

Today's Floral Offering

In memory of David VanLooy by Dot, Chip and Denice VanLooy.

INTERNATIONAL BOY SCOUTS SHOW | JULY 19

The Peoples Church historic Boy Scouts Troop 2 will host a troop from Taiwan from July 17 to 23 as Scouts from around the world prepare for the July 24-31 International Camporee in northern Michigan. Many troops will participate in an International Scout Show at the Lake Lansing Park bandshell at 6 p.m. on July 19. All are welcome. Bring a lawn chair.

FLOWER DELIVERY COORDINATORS NEEDED

Special thanks go to Shirley Noetzeld and Irene Seahawk for the many years they have coordinated the delivery of Sanctuary Flowers to our church friends who are homebound and/or living in retirement communities. These lovely fresh bouquets have in turn brightened the lives of those who have received them. Would you like to be a co-coordinator of this church service? Call Pat Brogan at 517-337-1446.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy visiting with friends before or after worship each Sunday? Consider taking a turn to serve. It's fun and it's not hard to do; training is provided! Contact Jane Ledebuhr at jledebuhr@yahoo.com or 517-256-2655.

UNDIE SUNDAYS | ALL SUMMER LONG

The Community Engagement Ministry will again sponsor summer-time "Undie Sundays," collecting new socks, underwear and undershirts for local K-12 children. Donations can be placed in the red basket at the Welcome Center through Aug. 14.

EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Garden with our neighbors in Edgewood Village. We gather from 6 to 8 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday each month. Questions? Contact Gary Beaudoin at garybeaudoin@me.com.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS | TODAY

Are you interested in becoming a member of The Peoples Church? A New Members Class will be offered today following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Join us downstairs in the Centennial Room.



NOMINATIONS OPEN

The Nominations Committee is currently preparing a slate for this fall's Council of Elders, Church Treasurer, Nominations Committee and Denominational Representative elections. If you know someone you think would fulfill the qualifications or if you yourself are interested in serving in one of these capacities, please submit names to the nominating committee. Contact Cheryl Leece at leece@msu.edu.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m. - Community Meal, Friendship Hall

6:15 p.m. - Worship Service, McCune Chapel



MAKE YOUR
GIFT ONLINE

ThePeoplesChurch.com/GIVE