



“We too may live a new life...”

(Romans 6)

ORDER OF WORSHIP | August 20, 2017

Prelude

“Andante con Moto”
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Franz Schubert

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Call to Worship (Romans 6)

Leader: It is the light of God’s love in Christ that brings a rich harvest of goodness and truth.

People: **So we would live like people who belong to the light.**

Leader: We would have nothing to do with worthless things that belong to the world of darkness.

People: **In the name of Jesus we would live in the light, giving thanks to God the Father.**

Gathering Hymn

“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters” **No. 490**
(Please stand if able.)

Prayer of Confession (Romans 6-7)

God, we confess that we have sinned in your sight. Despite our best efforts and intentions, we have failed to live consistently in ways that bring honor to your name. Forgive us. Through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, set us free from the grip of sin—from attitudes and actions that do not lead to life. 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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

will return on
September 13
with new fall programs!



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***O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.***

First Reading Romans 6:1-11
(Pew Bible Page 1,131; Large Print 1,714-1,715)

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

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

Rev. Drew Filkins

Avery Sofia Lee, born November 8, 2016
Grant Arthur Stepanyan, born March 31, 2016
Maximus Arthur Stepanyan, born June 19, 2017

Profession of Faith

**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.**

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 "Deep Blue" Summer Sunday School at this time. You may pick up your child in the McCune Chapel following the worship service.)

Solo "Give Me Jesus"
Adrian Sanchez, baritone

arr. Howard Helvey

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.

Second Reading Psalm 84
(Pew Bible Page 588; Large Print 861-862)

Sermon

"Pilgrims Without a Destination"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

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Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"

arr. Gilbert Martin

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

Lord, open us to fresh expressions of your loving of us, so that we can be more whole and more accepting of ourselves and out of that acceptance move toward others with trusting hearts. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Hymn

"Seek Ye First"

No. 175

Benediction

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

"Overture in G Major"

G.F. Handel

Ordination & Installation

Rev. Betsy Aho has accepted the call as Associate Pastor at The Peoples Church! **Her service of Ordination and Installation will be Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.** at The Peoples Church with a reception to follow. Please plan to join us for a joyful service of worship and celebration!

Today's Floral Offering

**Given in celebration of the 64th wedding anniversary of Janet and David Ronk Sr.
(married here at The Peoples Church).**

KICKOFF SUNDAY & CHICKEN DINNER: SEPTEMBER 10!

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service,
Sanctuary &
Children's Sunday
School, third floor

11:30 a.m.

Chicken Dinner Celebration,
Snider Social Hall



Learn about upcoming programs for all ages, register for classes, and collect some give-aways! All are welcome on the journey!

STYROFOAM RECYCLING

The Earth Stewardship Committee would like to thank you for being good stewards of the earth! When bringing styrofoam to church for recycling, please remember that the church only accepts clean styrofoam and only on Sundays. Dirty containers or items dropped off during the week will be thrown away, as we cannot store or wash styrofoam. Packing peanuts are not accepted here, but you can take them to PostNet in Okemos.

LAPTOPS FOR LEARNING

Beginning this fall, Children's Christian Ed. is beginning *Wednesday Night Live* by gaming our way through the Joseph story and Exodus using curriculum from *Sunday Software*. To make this possible, we are looking for 6-8 gently used laptops. They need to be Windows 7 or newer and capable of connecting to the Internet. If you are upgrading or have one lying around you could donate, please contact Julie Bills at jbills@thepeopleschurch.com.

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION JULY 30 - AUGUST 26

The week before school begins, Reo Elementary teachers will be going into the community, handing out school supplies to the Lansing School District students. Please help with this project by donating school supplies throughout the month of August. We are hoping to collect at least 200 pencil boxes filled with pencils, a box of markers, crayons, and colored pencils, a pair of scissors, glue sticks, and a small pencil sharpener. Items can be dropped off in the office during the week, or on Sundays in the northwest entrance.

FAMILY FUN EVENT: ZAP ZONE!

Join the fun at Zap Zone in Lansing, **August 26** from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$5 cost includes 3 tickets and a pizza lunch! Registration and payment are due by August 15. Make checks payable to The Peoples Church with "family event" on the memo line. Sign up on The Peoples Church Facebook page, or email Julie Bills at jbills@thepeopleschurch.com. Hope to see you there!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: VOLUNTEERS

Coffee fellowship has been on a summer hiatus but as fall approaches, please consider taking a turn to serve coffee. It is fun and not difficult, especially if you enlist a friend to help; training is provided. We would love to have volunteers beginning September 10th. Contact Jane Ledebuhr at jledebuhr@thepeopleschurch.com or 517-256-2655. You can also sign up on ThePeoplesChurch.com by going to CONNECT and clicking on Coffee Fellowship.