



# FAITHFUL WITNESS IN A WAILING WORLD

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | OCTOBER 28, 2018

**Prelude** "Allegro" William Boyce  
*Neill Campbell, organ*

**Welcome to The Peoples Church!** Rev. Betsy Aho

### Call to Worship

Leader: God of love and mercy, we gather together to worship you:

**People: to offer our thanks and praise and to proclaim your goodness and grace.**

Leader: Meet us here. Breathe your Word into our souls; engrave your covenant of love upon our hearts.

**People: Teach us faithfulness and compassion so that our lives may reflect your love and justice to the world. Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn** "We All Are One in Mission" No. 733  
*(Please stand if able.)*

**Procession of the Light of Christ** *Kate Gronowski and Piper Williams*

**Call to Confession** Rev. Case Van Kempen  
We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us, in freedom, confess the wrong we have done.

### Prayer of Confession

Leader: Wondrous God, who sets sun and moon 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, have mercy.**

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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. - community meal and brief Communion Service  
6:30 p.m. - Yoga



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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:

**People: how often we have forgotten you, how seldom have we really loved and followed you. Christ, have mercy.**

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. Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.**

### ***Assurance of Pardon***

Leader: Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are too deep for our words are not beyond God's forgiving love. God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Congregational Response** "Do Not Be Afraid" (chorus only) No. 76  
**Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Chosen and beloved, you are my own.  
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you: by your name I called you for my own.**

**First Reading** Psalm 146  
(Pew Bible Page 625; Large Print 927)

**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.**

**Anthem** (8:30 a.m.) "Witness" arr. Jack Halloran  
*Christine Roberts, mezzo-soprano*

**Anthem** (10:30 a.m.) "Witness" arr. Jack Halloran  
*Sanctuary Choir and Earl Nelson Singers, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed*

**Second Reading** Jeremiah 9: 17-21  
(Pew Bible Page 763; Large Print 1,154)

**Sermon** "Faithful Witness In A Wailing World" Rev. Traci Blackmon  
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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** (10:30 a.m.)

“Little Innocent Lamb”

arr. Marshall Bartholomew

## **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**

**Gracious God, as a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with our wealth. As we contribute to the needs of your people, we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

*(Please stand if able.)*

“Live into Hope”

No. 772

## **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**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. Hal Hopson

### **Today's Floral Offering**

Given in celebration of Maki's (Sue Patterson) 75th birthday, with love from Erik, Owen, Karyn & Neah



### TPC IS HIRING!

The Peoples Church of East Lansing is looking for an energetic and engaging Children's Christian Education Director.

Our Children's CE director works with families, volunteers and the children in our multi-generational and ecumenical church. This part-time position has flexible hours and competitive pay. Please contact Rev. Drew Filkins at [dfilkins@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:dfilkins@thepeopleschurch.com) or 517.908.4448 to apply. A full job description is available upon request.

### VOLUNTEER OPENING FOR HEAD USHER

The Peoples Church is seeking someone for the position of Head Usher. No experience is necessary and on the job training is provided. Please contact Beth Lundy if interested in volunteering. [Lundybb@comcast.net](mailto:Lundybb@comcast.net) or 610.2460029.

### WINTER SNOW PANTS & SOCKS COLLECTION

Starting in November Community Engagement will be collecting winter snow pants and new socks. Collection boxes for both the snow pants and new socks will be located near the welcome desk and also by the church office. Stay tuned for more details!

### PEOPLES 101

Do you have questions or are interested in learning more about The Peoples Church? Come to Peoples 101 in the Robertson Room at 11:30 a.m. on **November 4, 2018**, for a 30-minute informal discussion about The Peoples Church with a Pastor and members of the Welcome Ministry. All are welcome!

### FINE ARTS COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Fine Arts Committee is organizing their next art installation which will focus on photography of select photos from church member, Nancy Wilson. The kiosk will display vintage photographic camera equipment and vintage photographs (such as tintypes), but the committee is looking for pieces to fill the kiosk and needs your help. If you have any antique/vintage camera equipment or photographs you would like to offer for the exhibit to add to the display, please contact Nancy at [nancywilson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nancywilson@sbcglobal.net) or 517.676.4864.

### THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **Sunday, November 4, 2018**, The Peoples Forum will welcome Imam Sohail Chaudhry, Muslim Leader, discussing the Tenants of Islam with us. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

There will not be any *WNL!* programming on Wednesday, October 31, 2018, due to Halloween. *WNL!* will resume on Wednesday, November 7, 2018.

### JEWELRY SALE DONATIONS

As the season begins to change and you start to clean out your closets, set aside the items you would donate and bring them in to church! The Women of Peoples Church are always collecting donations of jewelry, purses, scarves, puzzles, etc. for their annual jewelry sale in May. If you have any items to donate, please drop off in the church office during normal business hours (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Mon - Fri).



### NOVEMBER 3, 2018

#### I WANT TO HELP ON FALL YARD CLEAN UP DAY!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### I will bring my own:

- Rakes
- Trimmers
- Blower
- Ext. Cords
- Hedge Trimmers
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Matt Gosselin at 517.484.6813 or [mattcatgosselin@comcast.net](mailto:mattcatgosselin@comcast.net) with questions.



## About Our Speaker

Rev. Traci Blackmon is the Executive Minister of Justice & Witness Ministries for The United Church of Christ National Offices in Cleveland, Ohio and Senior Pastor of Christ The King United Church of Christ in Florissant, Missouri. Initially ordained in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Blackmon served in various ministry capacities prior to becoming ordained in the United Church of Christ and installed as the first woman pastor in the 162 year history of Christ The King UCC.



A featured voice with many regional, national, and international media outlets and a frequent contributor to print publications, Rev. Blackmon's communal leadership and work in the aftermath of the killing of Michael Brown, Jr., in Ferguson, Missouri gained her both national and international recognition and audiences from the White House to the Carter Center to the Vatican. She was appointed to the Ferguson Commission by Governor Jay Nixon and to the President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based Neighborhood Partnerships for the White House by President Barack H. Obama. Rev. Blackmon toured the nation with Rev. Dr. William Barber of Moral Mondays and Repairer of the Breach, Rev. Dr. James Forbes of The Drum Major Institute and pastor emeritus of The Riverside Church in New York, and Sister Simone Campbell of Nuns on the Bus proclaiming the need for a Moral Revival in this nation.

Rev. Blackmon resides in both St. Louis, MO and Cleveland, OH and serves on the boards of The Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Chicago Theological Seminary, and WomanPreach! She is a co-author of the newly released White Privilege curriculum through the United Church of Christ and has received several awards and recognitions, including 2017 Citizen of the Year by The St. Louis American, and was named one of St. Louis' 100 most influential voices.

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## Henry & Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture Series



The Henry & Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture Series was established in 2017 to honor their interest in continuing education on topics of international interest and theological thought. Henry and Annabel moved to East Lansing in 1938 where Henry was a new faculty member in the College of Agriculture at MSU. They promptly joined The Peoples Church and became deeply involved in the church community as well as in greater Lansing where they were active in a variety of civic activities. Henry and Annabel were world travelers who were always building bridges of hope and understanding. Our desire is that these lectures will inspire and strengthen us to serve with compassionate love as we strive to build a more just and peaceful world.





Henry & Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture Series 2018

# ***Faithful Witness In a Wailing World***

## **PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

**October 28, 2018**

The Peoples Church

**8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

**Worship Services**

**Rev. Traci Blackmon, Preacher**

**Noon Luncheon**

**Snider Social Hall, (Lower Level)**

**(Lunch will be available in the Robertson Room  
for those with accessibility needs)**

**1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**\*Presentation**

**Rev. Traci Blackmon**

\*Childcare is available on the 2nd Floor



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