


SUNDAY WORSHIP

MAY 13, 2018



*"In your relationships
with one another,
have the same
mindset as Christ Jesus..."*

Philippians 2:5

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

Carol Choir Rehearsal

PCYG Bible Exploration

Peoples Forum

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Sanctuary

Children's Sunday School

11:30 a.m.

Coppertones Rehearsal

6:10 p.m.

Youth Choir

6:30 p.m.

High School Youth Group

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
LIVE! SUMMER
EDITION BEGINS**

June 13, 2018

Join us in Friendship Hall at
5:30 p.m. for a fresh, summer
meal and a brief Communion
Service. All are welcome.



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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

Jennifer Nagel, Chairperson
elders@thepeopleschurch.com



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.



**MAKE A
GIFT
ONLINE**

ThePeoplesChurch.com/GIVE

Children through 5th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School following the Children's Moment. Please be sure to check-in your child at one of the kiosks located in Friendship Hall, prior to worship service, to receive a name tag for your child. Julie Bills, Children's Christian Education Director, will lead the children to the classrooms on the third floor for Sunday School. At the conclusion of worship, you may pick up your child on the third floor. Please show the security code you received at check-in to the teacher.

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Prelude

"You Are Mine"

Victoria Walker, pianist

arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Betsy Aho

Worship is both personal and communal, formal and informal, intimate and casual. Here at The Peoples Church, we recognize that people come to worship God in both joy and pain, faith and doubt, with laughter and with tears. Our worship tries to reflect a desire both for meditation and celebration. Please know you are invited to participate in any and all ways you feel led. Our songs, prayers, words and actions are the works of imperfect people trying to worship a perfect God.

Call to Worship

Leader: As we are called to worship today, we remember that when God came to live among us in the person of Jesus, most did not recognize him.

People: Might our faith reveal Jesus to us.

Leader: We open our eyes to see Christ's glory.

People: We open our ears to hear Christ's wisdom.

Leader: We open our hands to offer our gifts.

People: We open our mouths to sing Christ's praises.

Leader: We open our hearts to offer our love.

People: Let us worship God together.

Gathering Hymn

"Morning Has Broken"

No. 664

Procession of the Light of Christ

Evie Laxton and Abby Lindley, Acolytes

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Drew Filkins

We want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory, but people find only our hardened hearts. We would like to be transformed people, but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you. We long to stand with those who are in need, but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid in judgment. Forgive us, God who came down to us. Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost. Split open our frozen hearts, that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting. Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit, that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that kingdom of grace and hope. Amen.

Congregational Response "Spirit of the Living God"

No. 288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me (repeat)
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Reading

Psalm 25: 1-9
(Pew Bible Page 549; Large Print 793)

Recognition of Sunday School Teachers

Taylor Aiello • Jodi Cook • Carol Dooley • Tammy Fickies • Jennifer Gabriel
Phyllis Grummon • Andi McGuire • Rachell Pomerville • Jennifer Worthington

Anthem

"I've Never Touched a Rainbow"
Carol Choir, directed by Elizabeth Reed

Ruth Artman

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ *(Please stand if able. Children are dismissed at this time and can be picked up after service on the third floor)*

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

Second Reading

Philippians 2: 1-13
(Pew Bible Page 1,179 ; Large Print 1,785)

Sermon

"Running On Empty"
 [@Connect2TPC#TPCSermon](https://twitter.com/Connect2TPC#TPCSermon)

Rev. Betsy Aho

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

(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.

Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

"For the Beauty of the Earth"
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

John Rutter

Prayer of Dedication

Spirit of the living God, our offerings proclaim that work and worship are one, that life is undivided. Might our lives, our worship, and our offerings be used to fulfill your good purpose in the world. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

No. 366

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

"Postlude on *Hyfrydol*"

arr. Carolyn Hamlin



Today's Floral Offering

Given to the glory of God.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



TODAY the Community Engagement Ministry invites you to participate in a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. By combining the gifts of our congregation with others across our state, nation and world, gifts of any size are able to have a big impact! OGHS supports disaster, refugee and development activities across the globe and is a ministry of our four denominations. Together we can accomplish more than we can imagine!

READING PEOPLE

Reading People will meet **Thursday, May 17, 2018**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Judith Hardies will lead the discussion of the book, *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*, by Daniel James Brown.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Wednesday Night Live! is on hiatus and will return with Summer programming on Wednesday, June 13, 2018.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **Sunday, May 20, 2018**, The Peoples Forum will be an Elders Panel including Jennifer Nagel, Chair, The Peoples Church Board of Elders. The Elders will speak with us about issues facing The Peoples Church. Join us in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m.



SUMMER CAMP

The Peoples Church Preschool is now enrolling school-age children for Summer Camp! There are full-day and half-day options available. Lots of daily activities, play time, and field trips are sure to keep your child boredom free this summer! Visit ThePeoplesChurch.com to register your child and for more information.

NEW ART EXHIBIT!

"Figuratively" A new art exhibit by Michigan watercolor artist, Julie Keith, is now on display throughout the halls bordering the church Sanctuary and the Thomsen case across from the Library. The exhibit, which includes 28 pieces from her collection, emphasizes human figures and emotions. "Figuratively" was curated by Sue Patterson and installed by members of the Fine Arts Committee and will be on display through July 19, 2018. Many of the pieces are for sale and 25% of the proceeds will be donated to The Peoples Church Youth Programs. Please pick up a catalog of the exhibit by the Northwest entrance to the church.

DORCAS CIRCLE

Dorcas Circle will meet on **Tuesday, May 15, 2018** in the Robertson Room at 6:00 p.m. for our annual potluck dinner. For more information call Phyllis Gaulden at 517.482.0930.

DEBORAH CIRCLE

Deborah Circle will have their last meeting until fall at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge this **Wednesday, May 16, 2018**. For more information email Jessica Eysselinck at jessica@eysselinck.com.

WPC JEWELRY SALE

Join the Women of Peoples Church on **Saturday, May 19, and Sunday, May 20, 2018**, for their annual jewelry sale. Come explore, browse and find just the right items!

USED BOOK SALE

The Peoples Church Fishbach Library annual used book sale happens on **May 19-20, 2018**. All proceeds from this sale will go to supporting The Peoples Church Library.



SALE

**JEWELRY & BOOKS
2 SALES, 2 DAYS,
1 LOCATION
MAY 19-20, 2018**

**SATURDAY HOURS:
9:00 a.m. - *6:00 p.m.**
(*Book Sale ends at 5:00 p.m.)

**SUNDAY HOURS:
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**



Presented by:
The Women of Peoples Church &
The Peoples Church
Fishbach Library Committee



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL • JUNE 18-22, 2018

Registration for this year's Vacation Bible School is going on now. Children will experience the ride of a lifetime with God as they venture through the Rolling River Rampage this summer! Along the river, children will learn and discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything.

To sign up, go to ThePeoplesChurch.com and click on the Rolling River Rampage image on the homepage. Contact Julie Bills at jbills@thepeopleschurch.com with any questions.

WELCOME REV. CASE VAN KEMPEN, INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR!



The Council of Elders voted unanimously to approve the Interim Search Committee's recommendation for Interim Senior Pastor on April 24, 2018. Please join us in welcoming Rev. Cornelis H.J. Van Kempen!

When someone asks Case Van Kempen if he was born in a barn, he always answers yes, and then says, "Only it was spelled differently." Case was born in the town of Baarn, in the province of Utrecht, the Netherlands, emigrating to the United States as an infant with his family in 1956. Upon arriving in the states, his name was spelled differently, too. The nickname for Cornelis in Dutch is "Kees," but at the westside terminals in Manhattan, this became "Case."

Case attended Seymour Christian School and Ottawa Hills High School in Grand Rapids, Michigan, then attended Hope College in Holland, graduating with a degree in philosophy in 1977. From there he went on to Wayne State University Law School. It was while there that he heard the call to ministry, and enrolled in Western Theological Seminary.

Since Case had never intended to be a seminarian, he needed to take a crash course in Biblical Greek, which is where he met his wife, Leigh (Boelkins). She was also a student in the summer Greek course, and after a brief courtship, they were married in 1981.

After graduating, Case and Leigh moved to the Clymer Hill Reformed Church in Clymer, New York, then to Union Reformed Church in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey, and from there back to Holland, to serve the Maplewood Reformed Church. While in New Jersey, Leigh was ordained to chaplaincy, serving as the multi-faith chaplain for Northwest Bergen Hospice. She is currently the chaplain for the Resthaven Care Community in Holland, Michigan, a position she has held for 17 years.

After ten years at Maplewood, Case took the training for interim ministry, and has served 15 different congregations in three different denominations all over the upper Midwest. He has also written several books and Bible study guides, all for Faith Alive Christian Publishing: *Hard Questions People Ask About the Christian Faith*; *Daniel: Daring Faith for Dangerous Times*; and *I, II, III John: Living in the Light of Love*.

Case and Leigh have three adult children, all married, and four grandchildren. Case and Leigh make their home just south of Holland, Michigan, in Laketown Township.

Rev. Van Kempen's first service with us will be on Sunday, June 10, 2018 and he will begin full time on Monday, June 18, 2018.