

*“For we live by faith,
not by sight.”*

2 Corinthians 5:7

ORDER OF WORSHIP | JUNE 17, 2018

Prelude

“Prelude and Fugue in F Major”
Judy Kabodian, organ

J.S. Bach

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Betsy Aho

Call to Worship

Leader: God of all creation, we lift up our voices, our eyes, our hearts, and our lives to you in praise.

People: Uphold the weary, for whom praise may be difficult. Humble the strong, for whom celebration may be too easy.

Leader: God of all creation, continue to form us into your new creation, that we might welcome you to more fully become the ruler of our hearts and minds.

People: We worship together through the one who came as a servant, and who now reigns over all, Jesus, our Christ. Amen.

Gathering Hymn *(Please stand if able.)*

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

No. 679

Procession of the Light of Christ

First Reading

Psalm 20
(Pew Bible Page 546; Large Print 788)

Rev. Drew Filkins

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith. Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules. It’s hard to live by faith. You call us to place our trust in you, to live according to your direction. Yet we want life to make sense from a human point of view. It’s hard to live by faith.

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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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You call us to feel the mystery of life, to marvel at the power of your love. Yet it's not easy to accept your promise that everything old has passed away. It's hard to live by faith. Forgive us, holy maker of reality. Forgive us for playing god instead of accepting our humanity.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so deep that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Response "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" No. 469
Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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.

Special Music "Lift Thine Eyes" *(from Elijah)* Felix Mendelssohn
Lynn Fendler, Cheri Johnson and Judy Kabodian

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5: 6-17
(Pew Bible Page 1,160; Large Print 1,757)

Sermon "Blind Ambition" Rev. Betsy Aho
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Responsive Hymn "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" No. 817

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

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

God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Commissioning of the Senior Pastor Search Committee

Jim Kelly, Chair
Ruth Ann Ference
Aram Kabodian

Susan Kilmer, Vice-Chair
Brian Gronowski
Cal Kerr

Jodi Cook
Haley Hansen
Beth Lundy

Sending Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

"Come, Great God of All the Ages"

No. 309

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

"Te Deum"

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Today's Floral Offering

Given in memory of Roy and Marion Heil, by Susan Godfrey

UNDIE SUNDAYS ARE BACK!



Starting **TODAY**, Community Engagement will be collecting **NEW** underwear (undershirts, underpants, and socks) for schoolage children (K-12th grade). There will be a red “Kids Stuff” basket at the Welcome Center for donations. The collection will go to the Judson Memorial Baptist Church Clothing Closet, which serves one of the neediest areas of Lansing. The collection will run until August 12, 2018. Thank you for your much needed donations!

CHECK OUT THE KIOSK IN THE ROTUNDA!



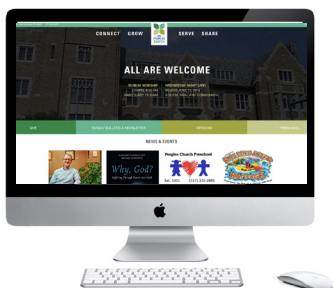
The Fine Arts Committee invites you to check out the new exhibit in the kiosk titled, “Playing with Architecture and Design—Susan Reedy’s Toys.” Pick up a catalog in the Northwest hallway which explains the various items on display.

READING PEOPLE

Due to a scheduling conflict, Reading People will meet **Thursday, June 28, 2018**, rather than June 21. The location, in the Robertson Room, will stay the same and we will meet from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Carol Bryson and Margie Kinzley will lead the discussion of the book, *Maisie Dobbs*, Book 1 of the Maisie Dobbs Mystery Series.

TPC HAS A NEW WEBSITE!

ThePeoplesChurch.com got a makeover! We are happy to share with you our new website that is now mobile friendly and easier to navigate. Thank you for your patience as we continue to make updates!



PCYG UPDATE

The Peoples Church Youth Group is getting ready for their upcoming mission trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, July 6-14, 2018. It will be an exciting trip! In other PCYG news, the Summer schedule is in full effect; all Middle School and High School students are welcome to join Joe for Book Club at 11:00 a.m. and a **FREE** lunch each Wednesday throughout the summer! Meet in the church office!

T-SHIRT COLLECTION RESULTS

The results are in! We collected a lot of t-shirts for St. Vincent Refugee Services and though we live in Spartan Country, U of M t-shirts were the most popular shirts donated with a whopping 75%! MSU came in next with 14% and other sports teams such as Tigers, Red Wings, U.S. Soccer, Kansas Jayhawks and University of Nebraska coming in at 2%. Thank you to all who contributed; it was a fun and friendly competition!

“TEXT TO GIVE” IS NOW AVAILABLE!

The Peoples Church is now offering the option to “Text to Give.” It’s easy! Just text the word, PEOPLES to 73256 to make an online donation, using your smart phone. Standard text messaging rates may apply.

