



*“Open wide
your hearts.”*

2 Corinthians 6:13

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP | JUNE 24, 2018

Prelude *“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”* arr. Emma Lou Diemer
Judy Kabodian, organ

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Case Van Kempen

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord reigns!
People: Let the distant shores rejoice.
Leader: The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
People: And all the peoples see his glory.
Leader: Light is shed upon the righteous, and joy on the upright in heart.
People: Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name!

Gathering Hymn *“God is Here!”* No. 409
(Please stand if able.)

Procession of the Light of Christ

Call to Confession

Leader: When the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian Christians, he said,
 “We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”
People: “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”
Leader: Mindful of our need for reconciliation, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we bring to you in prayer our sins and the sins of the world. Each person you have made bears your image, but in each,

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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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that image has been distorted by many enemies: Hunger and homelessness, prosperity and pride, violence and the fear of violence, greed, jealousy, boredom—all these threaten the harmony of men and women which is your Spirit’s work within them. May your church everywhere be a force for peace and justice. May the gospel of Jesus awaken everywhere such a vision of our real destiny that sin may be overcome, not with other sin, but with good. And upon all who strive for the fulfillment of your reign on earth, may there come such a spirit of trust and hope that nothing may seem too hard to do in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: “If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

People: All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

Leader: That God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them.” In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: They are forgiven indeed. Alleluia!

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.

First Reading

Psalm 107:1-3

(Pew Bible Page 603; Large Print 888)

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.

Solo

“Jesus, My All, To Heaven Is Gone”

arr. Howard Helvey

Adrian Sanchez, baritone

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

(Pew Bible Page 1,160; Large Print 1,758)

Sermon

“Nine Hardships”

Rev. Case Van Kempen

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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

“Pastorale”

arr. Dale Wood

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

Mysterious God of infinite love, we often wonder what we can contribute to the realization of your reign on earth as in heaven. We seem the most unlikely of candidates to offer any gifts to the fulfillment of your mission, yet we are the ones you have chosen. We offer our gifts this morning, but more than these, we offer ourselves. We pray this in the name of Jesus, your Son, who called us into discipleship. Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

No. 265

(Please stand if able.)

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

“Foundation”

arr. Wilbur Held

Today's Floral Offering

In loving memory of my precious wife, Peggy, by Dr. Randy Wirth.

THANK YOU!

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the volunteers, crew leaders and C.I.T.s that made Vacation Bible School happen. You all did a wonderful job! It was an amazing year at Rolling River Rampage! Sincerely, Pastor Drew and Ms. Julie Bills.

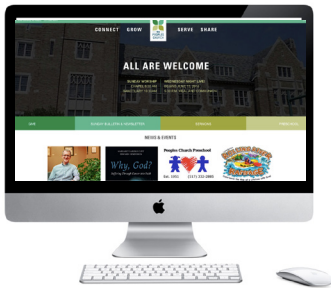


READING PEOPLE

Reading People will meet **Thursday, June 28, 2018**, in the Robertson Room, 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!

PEOPLES 101

Do you have questions about The Peoples Church or just want more information? The next informational meeting will be held on **August 5, 2018**. Join one of the Pastors and Welcome Ministry Members in the Robertson Room immediately following 10:30 a.m. worship for an informal discussion. All are Welcome!



UNDIE SUNDAYS ARE BACK!

Now through August 12, 2018, Community Engagement is collecting NEW underwear (undershirts, underpants, and socks) for schoolage children (K-12th grade). Place your donations in the red "Kids Stuff" basket at the Welcome Center. The collection will go to the Judson Memorial Baptist Church Clothing Closet, which serves one of the neediest areas of Lansing.

"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.

