

*"...see that you
also excel
in this grace
of giving."*

2 Corinthians 8:7



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 | JULY 1, 2018

Prelude

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
Ivette Herryman Rodriguez, piano*

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Case Van Kempen

Call to Worship

Leader: The psalmist summoned Israel and summons us to worship:

People: "O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous work among all peoples."

Leader: The psalmist told Israel and tells us why God is worthy of our worship:

People: "For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary."

Leader: Let us worship God!

Gathering Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

"Come, Worship God"

No. 386

Procession of the Light of Christ

Call to Confession

Leader: Elijah spoke to the people of God saying, "How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him, but if Baal, then follow him"; but the people did not answer him a word. Only when they witnessed the Lord's power did they say, "The Lord indeed is God; the Lord indeed is God." Let us come before God with our prayer of confession.

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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Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, as our lips and our voices frame your praise in words, we ask you to take possession of our hearts, our wills and our love, that they may be undivided. All in us that dishonors you and turns us away from you, forgive and vanquish by your grace. Help us to be of one mind in our commitment; and may your church, here and everywhere, be strengthened by your Spirit for work in your service. May our worship here today foreshadow the time, and hasten the time, when all shall know and rejoice in you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent; in his name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Say among the nations, "The Lord is King! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."

People: **Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice.**

Leader: For in Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven.

People: **We have been 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 30

(Pew Bible Page 551; Large Print 798)

Solo

"Deep River"

arr. Moses Hogan

Joe Kennedy, bass

Celebration of Holy Communion

All people, of all ages, and all backgrounds are welcome at the Lord's Table! We celebrate Holy Communion each week at the 8:30 a.m. service, as well as the first Sunday of each month during the 10:30 a.m. service. Children are invited to participate in this celebration as their families feel led. There is no specific age a child should first take communion. That decision is left up to the family of each young person. This is a moment of mystery, faith, and community and is meant to be approached with wonder, grace, and hope. Take this time to speak with the young people who are with you and help them understand how you know and experience Communion.

Communion Hymns

"The Strife Is O'er"

No. 236

"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

No. 500

"There Is Now a New Creation"

No. 774

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.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8: 7-15

(Pew Bible Page 1,162; Large Print 1,760)

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

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Philip Keveren

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, you are faithful and just. Through the resurrection of your Son Jesus, you have given great grace to us all. You call us to share in the work of your kingdom with others so that our joy may be complete. Light the way for us as we seek to live in fellowship with Christ. May these offerings reflect the grace of our risen Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Blessing of the Missionaries

Lily Callis • Jodi Cook • Carter Kelly • Trinity Kelly • Christian Lundy • Clare Lundy
Joe Kennedy • Bronwynn Kewin • Andy Mayville • Isaac Pratt

Sending Hymn

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

No. 761

(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

“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

arr. Philip Keveren

Today’s Floral Offering

In celebration of our 60th wedding anniversary by Dennis and Gretchen Rosenbrook.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Peoples Church will be closed on July 4, 2018 in observance of Independence Day. The church will reopen on **Thursday, July 5, 2018**.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will not be a children's Sunday School this week due to the 4th of July holiday. Sunday School will resume on **July 8, 2018**.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! SUMMER EDITION

Due to the 4th of July holiday, there will not be any *WNL!* programming this week. Join us next **Wednesday, July 11, 2018** in Friendship Hall when the summer *WNL!* programming resumes. A community meal begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by a brief communion service and yoga at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

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 DONATION DRIVE



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.

PCYG MISSION TRIP

The Peoples Church Youth Group heads to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota on **July 6, 2018** for one week. Their trip is sure to be filled with rich experiences and some fun sprinkled in, too! We wish all of the travelers a safe trip! Pray for them each day!

"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.

