

*“In him we were also chosen,  
having been predestined  
according to the plan ...”*



Ephesians 1:11

## 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 15, 2018

### Prelude

“Psalm 24”  
Judy Kabodian, organ

Emma Lou Diemer

### Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Case Van Kempen

### Call to Worship

Leader: Through the abundance of your steadfast love, O Lord, we enter your presence.

**People: In reverence, our hearts are bowed down toward your holy temple.**

Leader: Lead us, O Lord, in your righteousness;

**People: Make your way straight before us.**

**Gathering Hymn** “The Mighty God with Power Speaks”  
(Please stand if able.)

No. 13

### Procession of the Light of Christ

### Call to Confession

Leader: Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my sighing.

**People: Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray.**

Leader: O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.

**People: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil will not sojourn with you.**

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God.

## 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***

**Lord Jesus, when you have drawn us all to yourself, there will be peace on earth. But until then, when we try to get things for ourselves, and have things our own way, we often fight and push, and are angry and cruel, and everything is made less joyful than it was meant to be; and your kingdom does not come. So fill us with your Spirit to make us people who build your kingdom, not people who pull it down. Help us to want things your way, not our way. Take our strength and our energy, and help us to put all we have into the struggle for your goodness and your truth. Yours be the power and the victory for ever and ever. Amen.**

## ***Assurance of Pardon***

**Leader:** The Apostle Paul said, "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven.

**People:** **We have been forgiven indeed. Alleluia!**

**Congregational Response** "Hear the Good News of Salvation"

No. 441

***Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look up on me. Love me still and cleanse within.***

## ***First Reading***

Psalm 24

(Pew Bible Page 548; Large Print 792)

## ***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***

"Lead Me In Thy Truth"

Melanie Walker, soprano

Katrina Wylie

## ***Second Reading***

Ephesians 1: 3-14

(Pew Bible Page 1,173; Large Print 1,775)

## ***Sermon***

"Signed, Sealed, Delivered"

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**

“The Gospel of Grace”

arr. Mark Hayes

### **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**

**Faithful God, we worship you with grateful hearts, for you have brought us from death to life. We are awed that you gave your beloved Son Jesus for our salvation. He is the lamb you provided, the perfect offering to take away the sins of the world. Help us to share your blessings every day. By your Spirit, may our church’s ministries bring hope and new life to our neighbors. We dedicate these tithes and offerings in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

*(Please stand if able.)*

“My Life Flows On”

No. 821

## **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**

“Marche Triumphant”

Walter Sassmannshausen

### **Today’s Floral Offering**

Given in memory of Jack E. Bates (born July 14, 1926), by Margaret J. Bates and Family.

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to the donors of personal need items to our baskets near the Welcome Desk. The recent collection of diapers, wipes, bar soap, dish soap, facial tissue, and paper towels are very much appreciated. Your generosity is heartwarming and frees up funds dedicated to support the program. Please continue your donations which are given to our Greater Lansing families in need. - Mary Heiderson

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! SUMMER EDITION

Join us Wednesdays in Snider Social Hall (downstairs) for our summer *WNL!* programming. 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.

## NOTICE: ELEVATOR OUT OF SERVICE

Starting in early September the Building and Grounds Ministry will begin an elevator renovation that will take 6-8 weeks to complete. During this time, the elevator and north entrance to the church will be closed.



Signage will be placed around the church to direct people to the rotunda entrance, which is the other accessible entrance. Look for more information about this project in the July/August issue of the *Portal* Newsletter.

## ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY

The Michigan State University and City of East Lansing 2018 selection for One Book One Community is, *My Beloved World*, a memoir by Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Supreme Court of the United States. Inspired by One Book One Community, the Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing invites you to an evening of storytelling as local judges share personal accounts of their lives, their work and their faith. The Honorable Michelle M. Rick, of our congregation, is participating and Pastor Betsy is moderating the event.



Please join us on **Wednesday, August 22, 2018** at Congregation Shaarey Zedek (1924 Coolidge Rd., East Lansing) from 7:00-8:00 p.m. with refreshments following.



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