



*“For he himself
is our peace ...”*

Ephesians 2:14

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 22, 2018

Prelude “Andantino” Claude Debussy
Judy Kabodian, organ

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Case Van Kempen

Call to Worship

Leader: Almighty God, you have built your Church

People: on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.

Leader: Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching,

People: that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you:

Leader: through Jesus Christ our Lord,

People: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Hymn “For Beauty of the Earth” No. 14
(Please stand if able.)

Procession of the Light of Christ

Call to Confession

Leader: O Lord, you are our shepherd.

People: You lead us by still waters and green pastures.

Leader: Your rod and your staff guide us in the midst of the darkest valleys.

People: Surely your goodness and love is with us.

Leader: With confidence of God’s love, let us confess our sins.

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

Loving God, you have reconciled us in Christ Jesus and have given us the ministry of reconciliation. We pray for all those from whom we are estranged. Bring healing to strained or broken relationships. Forgive us for the times we have wronged others, whether by ignorance, neglect, or intention. Grant us the courage and the grace to seek their forgiveness and the opportunity to make amends. Where others have wronged us, grant us a gracious spirit, that we might forgive even as we have been forgiven in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Apostle Paul said, "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ." 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 upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.***

First Reading

Psalm 23

(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

"Open My Eyes"

Aaron Kabodian, bass

arr. Gilbert Martin

Second Reading

Ephesians 2: 11-22

(Pew Bible Page 1,174; Large Print 1,777)

Sermon

"Where Two Rivers Meet"

Rev. Drew Filkins

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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

"Thou Shalt Bring Them In"

G. F. Handel

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

Leading God, you have brought us here and through your grace joined us together as your people. We have seen your love, grace and provision in each of our lives. It is with a great gratitude that we offer back to you our time, talents and treasure for the service of your kingdom. Use these gifts and us to proclaim reconciliation to the world. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

No. 321

(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

"Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"

arr. Paul Manz

Today's Floral Offering

Given in celebration of our grandchildren, by Jerry and Val Nilson.

FALL CONFIRMATION CLASS



Confirmation class will begin this fall. If you have an eighth grader or older student who has not yet been through confirmation and would like to, please contact Pastor Drew. This class will meet on Sunday mornings starting in September and will run through April. Students will walk through the Bible and explore their faith through conversation, study, and reflection.

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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