



**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 29, 2018

**Prelude** "Fantasy in A Minor" J.S. Bach  
*Judy Kabodian, organ*

**Welcome to The Peoples Church!** Rev. Case Van Kempen

**Gathering Hymn** "We Are Standing On Holy Ground" No. 406  
*(Please stand if able.)*

### Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: As we come into God's house, let us say with the psalmist:

**People: "Send me your light and your faithful care, let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God."**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**Hymn** "Here In This Place" No. 401

### Procession of the Light of Christ

### Call to Confession

**People: Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.**

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***

**Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name. Amen.**

## ***Assurance of Pardon***

**Leader:** The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People:** **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**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 14  
(Pew Bible Page 542; Large Print 781)

**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**      "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"      arr. Dale Wood  
Lydia Skrlec-Erickson, soprano

**Second Reading**      Ephesians 3: 14-21  
(Pew Bible Page 1,175; Large Print 1,778)

**Sermon**      "What's Your Superpower?"      Rev. Case Van Kempen  
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**Hymn of Response**      "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"      No. 688

## **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**

"How Great Thou Art"

arr. Craig Courtney

### **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**

**We recognize that the greatest gift is the gift of love. May our offerings distribute this love to the world: the small world we inhabit with the suffering people we know; the larger world where the power of love is sorely needed. In Christ's name. Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

No. 703

*(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**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

arr. Robert Graham

#### **Today's Floral Offering**

Given in honor of my mother, Daisy Angell, by Jann Angell.

## NEW ART EXHIBIT!

"Candid Moments" – A new exhibit by Michigan artist Kerri Goodman, is now on display throughout the halls bordering on the church Sanctuary. The exhibit, which includes 23 pieces from her collection, depicts life moments of sudden realization, inspiration or insight. "Candid Moments" was curated by Mary Liechty and installed by members of the Fine Arts Committee. It will be on display through October 15. Many of the pieces are for sale and 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the Peoples Church Youth Programs. Pick up a catalog for the exhibit in the NW entrance of the church off the parking lot.



## 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!

## 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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