

*“My grace is sufficient for you,
for my power is made perfect
in weakness.”*

2 Corinthians 12:9

ORDER OF WORSHIP | JULY 8, 2018

Prelude

*“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”
Ivette Herryman Rodriguez, piano*

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Case Van Kempen

Call to Worship

Leader: When God’s people gather for worship, they ascribe to the Lord the glory due God’s name:

People: **“Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.”**

Leader: They celebrate God’s faithfulness:

People: **“Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever.”**

Leader: They share God’s concern for justice and peace:

People: **“God executes justice for the oppressed, and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.”**

Leader: And they acknowledge God’s sovereignty from generation to generation:

People: **“The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations, Praise the Lord!”**

Leader: Let us worship God!

Gathering Hymn “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”
(Please stand if able.)

No. 327

Procession of the Light of Christ

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.

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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Call to Confession

Leader: Writing about himself to the Galatian Christians, the Apostle Paul said,

People: "The one who formerly was persecuting the church is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy."

Leader: God is able to change lives, if we will acknowledge our need for change. Let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that we are not as we seem to others, nor even as we pretend to see ourselves. You alone see us as we are, yet you do not reject us. May your gift of faith encourage us into living our lives more as you meant them and planned them. May your Son keep working in us his miracle of transformation; and through the work of your Holy Spirit, may the whole world come to realize that it is yours; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

People: In Christ, our sins are forgiven. 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 123

(Pew Bible Page 616; Large Print 910)

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

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Peter Boylan, baritone

arr. Mark Hayes

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

(Pew Bible Page 1,165; Large Print 1,764)

Sermon

"Mirrors of the Cross"

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

"I Love To Tell The Story"

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

Almighty God, who reigns over all the earth, we bring these gifts, we pray you will bless and multiply them, we pray that you will use them that all of the world might find new life in Christ. We offer these gifts in Christ's name, and by his grace. Amen.

Sending Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

No. 828

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

"God Will Take Care of You"

arr. Philip Keveren

Today's Floral Offering

Given in celebration of the life of Howard Wright by the Wright Family.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! SUMMER EDITION

Join us **Wednesday, July 11, 2018** 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.

PORTAL NEWSLETTER

The July/August issue of the *Portal* Newsletter will be circulated and distributed soon. If you have an announcement or an article you'd like to submit for the September issue, please email it to Rachel Giddings at: rgiddings@the-peopleschurch.com **no later than August 15, 2018**.

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 (coming soon!).

FUN FACTS!

THE PEOPLES CHURCH IS...

67, 118 square feet

THE BELL TOWER IS...

67 feet, 8 inches tall

(from the sidewalk to the top of the tower)

THERE ARE...

205 doors

185 smoke detectors

31 toilets

21 bathrooms

