

"...Walk in the way of love..."



ORDER OF WORSHIP | AUGUST 12, 2018

Prelude "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. David N. Johnson
Judy Kabodian, organ

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Betsy Aho

Call to Worship

Leader: God, the encourager, God, the compassionate, God, the merciful,
holy, blessed:

People: **Disturb us. Rouse us from our sleep. Lift us into awareness of
your presence. Change us, move us, mold us for the better; so
that, at the sound of your voice, at the call of our name, we will
never be the same.**

Leader: May our worship do this and so much more,

People: **So that the whole world might be changed by your encour-
agement, compassion and mercy. Amen.**

Procession of the Light of Christ

Gathering Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King" (verses 1-4) No. 15
(Please stand if able.)

Call to Confession

Leader: When we come into the holy presence of God, our humanity is laid
bare.

People: **When we stand in the living presence of truth, our true self is
revealed.**

Leader: People of God, let us acknowledge who we are, and ask our gracious
God to forgive us when we turn away from what is right.

ALL ARE WELCOME

*Whether you are young
or old, rich or poor,
doubtful or hopeful ...
no matter where you
are in your faith jour-
ney, 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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Prayer of Confession

Lord, you come to us, but we often do not recognize you; you call, but we often do not follow. Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others; you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us; you love us, but we do not love our neighbors as we should. Lord, you show us how to carry out your mission, but we still insist on our own; you identify with outcasts, but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them; your sacrifice is for the sake of us all, but we do not give up our own comfort. Please forgive us and transform us, through Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all to who turn to God in hope, this is God's word of grace:

People: We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.

Leader: This gift we have from God.

People: 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 34:1-8

(Pew Bible Page 554; Large Print 803)

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

"At the River"

arr. Aaron Copland

Adrian Sanchez, baritone

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

(Pew Bible Page 1,176; Large Print 1,779)

Sermon

"What's the Buzz?"

Rev. Betsy Aho

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Hymn of Response

"When We Are Living"

No. 822

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

“Walk Together Children”

arr. Moses Hogan

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 Lord Jesus, you have shown us what it means to love. And you call us to follow your example: to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, to care for our neighbors selflessly, to share with our neighbors so all may have enough. Continue to write your law of love on our hearts, and use these gifts for your church and your world. Amen.

Sending Hymn

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

No. 700

(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

“Postscript on a Hymn Tune”

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Today's Floral Offering

Given in celebration of the life of Carol O. Ekern, by Fran Ekern.

PCYG PRESENTATION

Join The Peoples Church Youth Group on **Wednesday, August 15, 2018** (following communion service at *WNL!*), as they give their presentation about their mission trip to South Dakota. Meet them in the Robertson Room. All are welcome.

KICKOFF SUNDAY & CHICKEN DINNER THE POWER OF CONNECTION: SEP. 9, 2018



8:30 a.m.
Worship Service, Chapel

10:30 a.m.
Worship Service, Sanctuary
& Children's Sunday School
(third floor)

11:30 a.m.
Chicken Dinner celebration
(outside tent)

Learn about upcoming programs for all ages, register for classes, and collect some giveaways! All are welcome!

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.

PORTAL DEADLINE

The deadline for the September issue of the *Portal* newsletter is **August 15, 2018**. If you have an article or information you would like to share please email Rachel Giddings at rgiddings@the-peopleschurch.com by August 15.

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 that 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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