

*“Be very careful, then, how you live—
not as unwise but as wise, making the
most of every opportunity...”*

Ephesians 5:15-16



ORDER OF WORSHIP | AUGUST 19, 2018

Prelude

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”
Judy Kabodian, organ

Paul Manz

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Case Van Kempen

Call to Worship

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

People: Amen.

Leader: When Jesus sent his disciples to proclaim the gospel, he said:

People: “Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’”

Leader: When Naaman the leper returned to the house of Elisha after being cured of his leprosy, he said:

People: “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel.”

Leader: At the dedication of God’s house in Jerusalem, King David said:

People: “Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.”

Leader: As we gather together on this Lord’s day, may there be peace in this house, may we know that there is one true God, and may God receive our joyful praise and thanksgiving!

Procession of the Light of Christ

Gathering Hymn
(Please stand if able.)

“Oh Lord, You Are My God and King”

No. 270

Call to Confession

Leader: King David wrote, “To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication.”

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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!

Will resume on
September 12, 2018



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People: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God.

Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that we are people of our time, often indulging in sins that the world considers of little account. But we are also people who know Jesus, the crucified and risen Lord. We believe that we are called to live in obedience to our Lord's command, to love as we have been loved. We also believe that he sends us out, as he sent out the first apostles, with the resources to accomplish his will. May we have the courage, the trust and the persistence to follow, obey, serve and love in his name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: "You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent."

People: "O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever."

Leader: Friends in Christ, believe this good news, that in Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

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 111

(Pew Bible Page 607; Large Print 893)

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

"Shepherd Me, O God"

arr. Mark Hayes

Vicki Walker, soprano

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

(Pew Bible Page 1,176; Large Print 1,780)

Sermon

"Walking in the Reign"

Rev. Case Van Kempen

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Hymn of Response

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

No. 835

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

“Take My Hand, Precious Lord”

Thomas A. Dorsey

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

Holy God, source of all good things, you have blessed your children with many gifts, and each of us can serve and help build your kingdom here on earth. We know at times we have denied our giftedness and dismissed the impact our gifts can have. As we dedicate our tithes and offerings today, we remind ourselves that you seek not only that we open our wallets but open our hearts and our whole being to the work of making your love and compassion the norm, not the exception in this world. We pray this in Christ’s name. Amen.

Sending Hymn

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

No. 738

(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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Paul Manz

Today’s Floral Offering

Given in celebration of the **35th** wedding anniversary of Howard and Barbara Wright, by Joan Wright.

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

THE POWER OF CONNECTION



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!

ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY

On **Wednesday, August 22, 2018**, join us at Congregation Shaarey Zedek (1924 Coolidge Rd., East Lansing) from 7:00-8:00 p.m. for the One Book One Community event. Inspired by the 2018 book selection, *My Beloved World*, by Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Supreme Court of the United States, you are invited to enjoy 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. Refreshments are provided.



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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.

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. More information about this project will be announced as details become available.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Wednesday Night Live! will resume on **September 12, 2018** with new fall programming. Pastor Case will be leading a discussion based on his book, *Hard Questions People Ask About the Christian Faith*. In this study, Pastor Case will look at some of the difficult questions that people ask about the Christian faith and help answer them.

In October Pastor Drew will be leading conversations as we prepare for our national election. Following a model from the National Institute for Civil Discourse, Pastor Drew will help facilitate intimate conversations about what is happening around our elections. Our hope for this time is to find a space that we can hear and understand one another even if we don't agree. Join us Wednesday's (starting September 12, 2018) in the Robertson Room.