

*“Make every effort to keep the unity
of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
There is one body and one Spirit...”*

Ephesians 4:3-4

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.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP | AUGUST 5, 2018

Prelude

“Chorale in E Major”
Judy Kabodian, organ

César Franck

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Betsy Aho

Call to Worship

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

People: Amen.

Leader: We are gathered to call to mind the deeds of the Lord, to remember God’s wonders of old.

People: We will meditate on all God’s works, and consider God’s mighty deeds.

Leader: Let us worship God!

Gathering Hymn *(Please stand if able.)*

“O Splendor Of God’s Glory Bright” No. 666

Procession of the Light of Christ

Call to Confession

Leader: Having been reminded in our singing of God’s splendor and glory, we recognize our brokenness. We join the psalmist in his distress:

People: “I cry aloud to heaven, aloud to heaven, that God may hear me. In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted. I think of God, and I moan; I meditate, and my spirit faints.”

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

God of mercy, we are burdened with the memory of all the occasions this past week when we have known that something was right but failed to do it, or have known that something was wrong and did it anyway. How can we mend this fault in ourselves and deal with its consequences? Lord of the two great commandments, to love you and one another, what are we to do? How are we to love? Some say that human nature cannot be changed, but because of the Gospel, we believe this is untrue. We ask you to transform our lives, so that seeking fresh instruction from you day by day, we will learn to rely on the guidance of your Holy Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Your way, O God, is holy. What God is so great as our God?

People: You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.

Leader: With your strong arm, you redeemed your people, the descendants of Sarah and Abraham.

People: Through Jesus Christ, we have been redeemed. 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 Luke 9:1-6
(Pew Bible Page 1,038; Large Print 1,577)

Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion Hymns “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” No. 234
 “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” No. 509
 “Lord, When I Came Into this Life” No. 691

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.

Second Reading Ephesians 4: 1-16
(Pew Bible Page 1,175; Large Print 1,778)

Sermon “Taking Care of Our Body” Rev. Case Van Kempen
 [@Connect2TPC#TPCsermon](https://twitter.com/Connect2TPC#TPCsermon)

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

“There’s Something About That Name”

Bill and Gloria Gaither

Jess Eysselink, mezzo-soprano

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 God, you are faithful and just! Through your Son Jesus, you have given great grace to us all. You call us to share the word of eternal life with others so that our joy may be complete. Light the way for us as we seek to live in fellowship with Christ. May these offerings reflect the grace of our risen Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Though I May Speak”

No. 693

(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

“Allegro Deciso”

Leon Boëllmann

Today’s Floral Offering

Given in celebration of the **50th** wedding anniversary of Ruth Ann and Bob Ference.

PEOPLES 101

Do you have questions about The Peoples Church or just want more information? **TODAY**, 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!

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.

WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZ ABOUT?

Did you know The Peoples Church has a colony of honey bees on the rooftop? These bees have been busy! Check out what they're up to with the live honey bee cam! Plug this link into your smart device or on your computer to view:

<https://video.nest.com/live/L4ZIsA5n5V>



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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