

Leader: On the second day you made the sky.

People: Forgive us for polluting the air. Help us see how best to restore and renew your creation.

Leader: On the third day you made the seas and plants.

People: Forgive us for spoiling the seas. Give us resolve to change our hurtful habits.

Leader: On the fourth day you made the sun and moon.

People: Forgive us for failing to pause in praise of their splendor. Open our lips so that we will sing your praise.

Leader: On the fifth day you made swarms of living creatures.

People: Forgive us for seeing their value only in terms of serving our interests. Give us new opportunities to delight in their beauty and diversity.

Leader: On the sixth day you made humankind in your image.

People: Forgive us for denying dignity to all your people. Work through us until all know their worth as your creatures.

Leader: On the seventh day you rested.

People: Forgive us for failing to take joy in our rest. Help us enter your rhythm of rest, even in this day of worship. Through Christ, our Lord, firstborn of all creation. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems us. Let us take hold of this forgiveness, and live our life in the Spirit of Jesus.

People: Amen.

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 Genesis 1:1-24
(Pew Bible Page 1; Large Print 1)

Solo "We Gather at Your Table, Lord" arr. Walter Ehret
Christine Roberts, mezzo-soprano

Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion Hymns "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation" No. 503
 "Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven" No. 511
 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" No. 516

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

Genesis 1:25 - 2:4a
(Pew Bible Page 2; Large Print 2)

Sermon

"Gimme A Break"

Rev. Betsy Aho

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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

"Still, Still with Thee"

John Ness Beck

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

On this day of rest and gladness, we praise you, God of creation, for the dignity of work and the joy of play. Renew our hearts through your Sabbath rest, and renew the world through these gifts, that all might be refreshed. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

No. 23

(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"

arr. Mark Hayes

Today's Floral Offering

Given in celebration of Cecil's life, by the Mackey family.

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!

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE

Monday Morning Bible will begin on **Monday, September 17, 2018**. Pastor Drew will open up the often overlooked Hebrew scriptures of Leviticus and shed some light on these ancient laws. Join us in the Robertson Room at 11:00 a.m. each Monday. All are welcome to participate.



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.

WPC FALL RETREAT

Join us for our annual Women of Peoples Church Fall Retreat. We will gather at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, **September 21-23, 2018**, for a workshop on *Practicing Peace: Developing Spiritual Practices that Foster Peaceful Living*. We have a variety of guests who will work with us throughout the weekend. Come for the whole weekend or drop in on sessions as you are able. For more information, please contact Loretta Johnston or Jenn Worthington at wpc@thepeopleschurch.com. **Registration going on now!**

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. Join us Wednesday's (starting September 12, 2018) in the Robertson Room.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

On **September 16**, the Pastoral Search Team will be conducting a Congregational Survey during both worship services. If you know that you will not be present on the 16th, copies of the survey will be available today and next week at the Welcome Center. You can also request a copy via email (cvangampen@thepeopleschurch.com). All completed surveys must be returned or emailed to church by Monday, September 17. Thank you in advance for your participation in this important part of the Search Team's self-study of our congregation.