

SUNDAY WORSHIP

OCTOBER 6, 2019

"If you have faith as small
as a mustard seed..."

Luke 17:6



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

Carol Choir Rehearsal

Confirmation Class

PCYG Bible Exploration

Peoples Forum

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Sanctuary

Children's Sunday School

11:30 a.m.

Coppertones Rehearsal

Lunch & Lounge | Campus Ministry

Dance 149

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal

Children's Education

6:30 p.m.

Adult Formation Classes

Peoples Church Youth Group

Yoga Class



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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

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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.

ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is pleased to welcome ASL interpreters for our 10:30 a.m. worship service and for special events.



MAKE A GIFT

Please note, we have a new link for online giving (below):

<https://onrealm.org/thepeopleschurch/Give>

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Children through 5th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School following the Children's Moment during service. Please be sure to check-in your child at one of the kiosks located in Friendship Hall, prior to worship service, to receive a name tag for your child. Kathi Mitchell, Children's Christian Education Director, will lead the children to the classrooms on the third floor for Sunday School. At the conclusion of worship, you may pick up your child on the third floor; please show the security code you received at check-in to the teacher.

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Prelude

"Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring"

J.S. Bach

Judy Kabodian, organ

In memory of Judy's dear mom; this was her favorite.

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Drew Filkins

Worship is both personal and communal, formal and informal, intimate and casual. Here at The Peoples Church, we recognize that people come to worship God in both joy and pain, faith and doubt, with laughter and with tears. Our worship tries to reflect a desire both for meditation and celebration. Please know you are invited to participate in any and all ways you feel led. Our songs, prayers, words and actions are the works of imperfect people trying to worship a perfect God.

Call to Worship

Leader: We are here together in the name of Christ Jesus,

People: in the presence of an awesome, holy love.

Leader: A person without God is like a feather in a perpetual wind, blown all over the place without any control or choice in where to rest.

People: O come, let us return to the living God. Let us bow before the one who is our Maker.

Gathering Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

No. 307

Procession of the Light of Christ

Jonah Selby and Anna Harvey, Acolytes

Prayer of Confession

All: With the weepers we weep; with the warriors we yearn for peace; with the exiles we wander far from home, for our hearts wander far from you. We live in an uncertain world—time and again we turn to people who promise us security. But God, you are our only source of safety. Help us turn to you, our heart's true home. Call us again and lead us home. Author of peace, teach us to seek our peace in you. Source of every blessing, forgive us for the multitude of our transgressions. Rekindle a spirit of love and self-discipline within us, through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Our Savior Jesus Christ abolished sin and death and brought life and immortality to light. By the grace of the Eternal One, we are forgiven in the power of the Holy Spirit living within us.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Congregational Response "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" (verse 1)

No. 796

**We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.**

First Reading

Psalm 37:1-9

(Pew Bible Page 556; Large Print 807)

Communion

Communion Hymns

"Come To the Table of Grace"

No. 507

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

No. 525

"Eat This Bread"

No. 527

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.**

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"

Daniel Burton

Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Second Reading

Luke 17:1-6

(Pew Bible Page 1,049; Large Print 1,595)

Sermon

"Gardening By Faith"

Rev. Drew Filkins

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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 (10:30 a.m.)

"Softly and Tenderly"
Ben Maines, tenor

arr. Dale Wood

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

For the gift of faith which sees beyond the present moment and looks to an eternity, we thank you. For the gift of faith as small as a mustard seed, which has power within its simplicity, we thank you. For the gift of faith bestowed on those who would simply come, hearts open in humility, we thank you. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"We Walk By Faith and Not by Sight"

No. 817

Benediction *(Please stand if able)*

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

"Choral Song"

Samuel Sebastian Wesley



**Floral Dedication:
Given to the glory of God.**

HARVEST FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 20!

Join us on **October 20**, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, for our inaugural Family Harvest Festival! There will be lots of food and fun activities for all ages! This event will take place in the Snider Social Hall and in the gym.

Volunteers are needed for this event! If you are interested in helping out with the festival, from set up, to manning an activity, or with clean up, contact Kathi Mitchell at kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com.



PEOPLES FORUM



On **October 13**, The Peoples Forum will welcome Elyse Packard, Head Coach of MSU Cheerleading and Dance Team. Don't miss your chance to see some members of the team perform at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room. Join us!

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Are you interested in becoming a member of The Peoples Church? Following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, **TODAY**, join us for an informal meeting in the Centennial Room. This meeting will explore the history, governance, mission and values of the church, as well as, programming and volunteer opportunities.

REBEKAH/HANNAH CIRCLE

The Rebekah/Hannah Circle will meet for lunch and Conversation, on **October 23**, at 12:30 p.m. at Coral Gables Restaurant in East Lansing.

THE KNITTING PEOPLE

The Knitting People will meet on **October 24** from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Join us; all are welcome!



Join us in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays (following the community meal), as Pastor Drew leads a study on Jonah. This prophet is often quoted and often misunderstood.

PHILIP GULLEY: OCTOBER 13!

The Peoples Church is excited to welcome Philip Gulley next Sunday, October 13! Gulley's book, *Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe*, has been widely read among the congregation and will be the focus of Gulley's presentation next Sunday. Join us for worship at 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. and then stick around for a Noon luncheon in Snider Social Hall, with a presentation from Philip Gulley starting at 1:00 p.m. It's a Sunday you don't want to miss!

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DORCAS CIRCLE

The Dorcas Circle meets on **October 15** at 7:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. All are welcome!

DEBORAH CIRCLE

The Deborah Circle meets on **October 16** at 6:30 p.m. in the Snider Social Hall. Join us!

THE READING PEOPLE

The Reading People meet on **October 17** from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. All are welcome to join us!

~ HARVEST FESTIVAL ~

OCTOBER 20!

Snider Social Hall & Gym

following the 10:30 a.m. service

**Everyone is welcome to join us
for food, games, crafts, and fun!**



This year our mission partner, Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project, is showing an exciting new documentary, *Victors*. This documentary showcases how our support in Uganda contributes to the building of a civil society through education and advocacy.

Studio C! is once again hosting this exciting event/fundraiser on **October 10**, at 6:30 p.m. The church has purchased a block of tickets for our members so that we can have a great show of support. Tickets are \$25 each. Call Barb Dunlap at 517.285.0824, or email her at bdunlap1953@gmail.com, to reserve your spot.

The creators of the documentary will be on hand to share their experience. Plan to join us for this fundraising event and help support the grandmothers and children of Uganda, while enjoying a movie! Popcorn and drinks are included!

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Featuring Philip Gulley

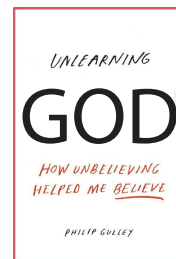
Quaker Pastor, Author and Speaker

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.—Worship Service

Noon—Luncheon, Snider Social Hall

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.—Presentation,

Philip Gulley



You're invited to read his book, *Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe*, in preparation for this event.