

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MAY 26, 2019



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

* PCYG Bible Exploration

* Peoples Forum

10:30 a.m.



Worship Service, Sanctuary

* Children's Sunday School

11:30 a.m.

* Coppertones Rehearsal

6:10 p.m.

* Youth Choir

6:30 p.m.

* High School Youth Group

*** OFF FOR THE SUMMER**

***WEDNESDAY
NIGHT LIVE!***

**Is on Summer
Break and will return
in September.**



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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

Jodi Cook, Chairperson
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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.

THE PORTAL

The *Portal* newsletter is the best source of information for the latest and most up-to-date news and events. It comes out at the beginning of each month and is included in the weekly Friday email. Or be sure to grab a hard copy located at the Welcome Desk or in the church office.

ASL Interpreted Service

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



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Prelude

"Song of Remembrance"

Gilbert M. Martin

Judy Kabodian, organ

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Case Van Kempen

Call to Worship

Leader: In the name of God,

People: Who created us, who holds us and the whole world in his hands;

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ,

People: Who came into the world, who reconciles us with God;

Leader: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

People: Who fills us with eternal life, who links us with all people of faith and incites us to peace;

All: We come together to offer our thanks and praise!

Procession of the Light of Christ

Gathering Hymn

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

No. 393

Call to Confession

Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope—hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning with your grace, and hear us, we pray, as we join in our prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

All: Patient and ever-faithful God, we come to you today confessing that we can be a dissatisfied people. When things are not perfect in our eyes, we murmur and complain, grumble and doubt. We lose hope in the people around us and, even worse, we lose hope in you. We challenge instead of accept. We put you to the test rather than trust your caring love. Forgive our doubts and complaining. Forgive our loss of hope. Let your healing, life-giving grace wash over us. Restore our souls. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Our hope and assurance rest in God's unfailing love and forgiveness. May God open our hearts and minds and souls that the healing waters of God's never-ending love and forgiveness may flow into and over us. In this love and forgiveness we have encountered the living God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Congregational Response "Be Not Afraid"

No. 243

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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First Reading

Psalm 86:1-13
(Pew Bible Page 589; Large Print 863)

Communion (8:30 a.m.)

Children's Moment (10:30 a.m.)

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Solo

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
Christine Roberts, mezzo-soprano

arr. Dale Wood

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11
(Pew Bible Page 1,130; Large Print 1,713)

Sermon

"God's Love Poured Out"
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Hymn of Response

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

No. 619

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

arr. Douglas Wagner

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

Life-giving God, we offer you ourselves and our resources. Use us and our gifts, that we may be water bearers to a world thirsty for love, for meaning, for justice, and for hope. May all your people encounter fullness of life through the love of Christ, which lives within us. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

No. 707

Benediction

Congregational response: **"Jesus is Lord!"**

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 Vivace from "Water Music"

G.F. Handel



Floral Dedication:

Given in memory of Joan Culham who loved Indy car racing and always wanted to be at the Indy 500, by her mother Mary Culham.

COLLECTION FOR REFUGEE SERVICES

This quarter the Community Engagement Committee will be collecting gift cards for Meijer and Target for the St. Vincent Refugee Services. Collection Sundays will be **June 2, 9 and 16** and should be given to the committee representative at the Northwest entrance. Cards may also be left in the church office. Contact Ruth Worthington at worthin2@msu.edu with any questions.

UNDIE SUNDAYS COLLECTION

It's that time again! Undie Sundays will begin **June 16** and run through August 11. We collect undershirts, underpants and socks for school-aged children which are donated to the clothes closet at Judson Memorial Baptist Church. The RED collection baskets will be at the Welcome Center this summer for collection. Contact Ruth Worthington at worthin2@msu.edu with any questions.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our many volunteers who helped with The Peoples Church Used Book Sale! Also, many thanks to those who donated books. Without you we would not have been able to pull off the sale and we surpassed last year's profits for a successful sale! A special thank you goes to the Troop 2 Scouts who were very efficient in helping to pack up our 40+ boxes of unused books.
~ The Library Committee

PEOPLES FORUM

The Peoples Forum is on break for the summer and will return in September with a brand new lineup of speakers.

HOUSE OF WORSHIP PROGRAM

Remember to take advantage of your **FREE** Consumer's Energy Home Energy Analysis and start saving money! Schedule an appointment and a Consumers Energy energy analyst will inspect your home and identify the best opportunities for you to save energy and money while improving comfort. As a bonus, The Peoples Church will also receive a monetary gift for the appointment you make!

Go to HomeAnalysis-ConsumersEnergy.com to schedule your **FREE** assessment today and use the promo code **PEOPLES19**. You can receive possible upgrades, which can save you up to \$150 a year—that may include insulating water pipes and installing free LED bulbs, shower heads, kitchen and bathroom faucet aerators and programmable thermostats (eligibility determined at the time of your Home Energy Analysis appointment). **All at no charge to you!** It's a win-win for you and The Peoples Church!



WNL! programming is on break for the summer and return in September. Yoga class will still take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room each Wednesday evening throughout the summer months. Look for exciting all-church events in the monthly issues of the *Portal* newsletter or in the weekly worship bulletin.

VBS: TO MARS & BEYOND!



Registration for this year's Vacation Bible School is going on now! Go to ThePeoplesChurch.com to register!

HELP THE PEOPLES CHURCH EARN UP TO \$5,000!

Start saving money **TODAY** with the Consumer's Energy Home Energy Analysis Program and help The Peoples Church earn money, too!

Sign up for your **FREE** assessment at HomeAnalysis-ConsumersEnergy.com and use the code: **PEOPLES19**. Assessment is **FREE** of charge!

Receive a customizable report outlining possible upgrades, which can save you up to \$150 per year, that may include: insulating water pipes, installing free LED bulbs, shower heads, kitchen and bathroom faucet aerators and programmable thermostats.



TO MARS & BEYOND!

JUNE 17 - 21, 2019
WOLDUMAR NATURE



Blast off with the first VBS to land on Mars! Kids discover the wonders of God's universe—they'll become voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them and they will blast off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way they'll also learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible and that God is always with them, too. It will be an out-of-this-world learning experience! Sign up online at ThePeoplesChurch.com! Email Ann Harvey, Children's CE Director, at: aharvey@thepeopleschurch.com, with any questions.



YOU'RE INVITED

to an OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD PICNIC celebrating the faith and fun of this year's Vacation Bible School experience!

WHEN: Sunday, June 23, 2019
following the 10:30 a.m. service

WHERE: TPC Rotunda/Friendship Hall

3...2...1...BLAST OFF!
See you there!

SAVE THE DATE!

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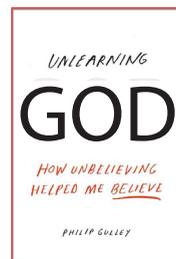
Sunday, October 13, 2019 • The Peoples Church

Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe



Featuring Philip Gulley
Quaker Pastor, Author and Speaker

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



Books will also be for sale during this event.