

*"...I will tear down my barns*



*and build bigger ones..."*

Luke 13:18

## 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.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | JUNE 16, 2019

### **Prelude**

"Fugue in F Minor"  
Judy Kabodian, organ

J.S. Bach

### **Welcome to The Peoples Church!**

Rev. Drew Filkins

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**People: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;**

Leader: and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

**People: May the Lord give strength to his people!**

Leader: May the Lord bless his people with peace!

**All: Amen!**

### **Gathering Hymn**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

No. 1

### **Procession of the Light of Christ**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Betsy Aho

Leader: Gracious God, the psalmist declares that you have given human beings dominion over the works of your hands. All too often, though, we confuse this holy charge with having ownership. We then treat your creation as a resource to be used for our needs and

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. - Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. - Sunday School



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our profit. We find ourselves reluctant to count the cost of our failure to be your faithful stewards until disaster strikes. And so we pray, show us another way, O God.

**People: Holy God, your cry for wisdom and understanding echoes in our homes, our workplaces, our schools, our church committee meetings, our legislatures and our courts. We confess we don't always want to hear that cry, deciding instead to rely on familiar habits, comfortable assumptions, and quick conclusions. We ask you to show us another way, O God.**

### **Words of Assurance**

Leader: Friends, hear this great good news: God continually shows us another way. God's mercy is as wide as the ocean. God's desire to forgive is as strong as the mighty wind. So let your hearts receive the outpouring of God's love through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Congregational Response**      "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy"      No. 437  
**You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy!**  
**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

**First Reading**      Leviticus 23:15-22  
(Pew Bible Page 123; Large Print 174)

**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**      "Oh, Peter, Go Ring Dem Bells"      arr. Howard Helvey  
*Peter Boylan, baritone*

**Second Reading**      Luke 12:13-21  
(Pew Bible Page 1,043; Large Print 1,586)

**Sermon**      "The Ground and Gratitude"      Rev. Drew Filkins  
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**Hymn of Response**      "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"      No. 716

### ***Prayers of the People***

**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***

**"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"**

arr. Moses Hogan

#### ***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***

**God of abundance, we give you praise for the great gifts you bestowed upon us. As you continue to bless us, let us learn what it is to build tables instead of barns. May our gifts of our time and treasures today remind us of your call to serve all people. In the name of the Creator, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

#### ***Sending Hymn***

**"Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

No. 39

#### ***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***

**"All Glory Be to God on High"**

J.S. Bach



#### **Floral Dedication:**

**In honor of our children, grandchildren and great grandson on our 55th wedding anniversary, by Wes and Susan Reedy.**

## RECEPTION FOR PASTOR BETSY

On **June 30**, Pastor Betsy will give her last sermon here at The Peoples Church. You're invited to a farewell reception, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, in the Robertson Room; refreshments will be served. Please join us, and bring only your company and appetite, as we wish Pastor Betsy well in her next call and share in the joyful times she has brought to The Peoples Church.

## COLLECTION FOR REFUGEE SERVICES

**TODAY** is the last collection day for the St. Vincent Refugee Services gift card drive. Gift cards for Meijer and Target can be given to the Community Engagement committee representative at the Northwest entrance. Cards may also be dropped off in the church office. Contact Ruth Worthington at [worthin2@msu.edu](mailto:worthin2@msu.edu) with any questions.

## THANK YOU!

An abundance of thanks goes out to all of the women (and twins) who have faithfully helped with the pricing and tagging of donated items to the WPC jewelry sale. For two months prior to the sale, they met, chatted, tagged, priced and enjoyed fellowship with one another. Many have volunteered for 6 years! Hugs to Emily, Susan, Val, Kim, Barbara, Cheryl, Jessica, Jan, Maureen, Julie, Gabe and Theo!! You have made such a difference! In gratitude and love, Janet Perron



**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!



The Undie Sundays collection begins **TODAY** and will run through August 11. We are collecting **NEW** 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](mailto:worthin2@msu.edu) with any questions.

Undies for Everyone

