

Do you
not know that
your body is a temple
of the Holy Spirit
within you.
1 Corinthians 6:19

ORDER OF WORSHIP | JULY 28, 2019

Prelude

"Adagio Molto"
Judy Kabodian, organ

Alexandre Guilmant

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Case Van Kempen

Call to Worship (T. Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies)

Leader: The foolish say, "There is no God! We are alone, on our own."

People: We gather to declare the glory of God in our lives.

Leader: The foolish say, "It is your life; you are accountable to no one."

People: We gather, strengthened by the Spirit, trusting that Christ dwells in our hearts.

Leader: The foolish say, "Everything I have is mine; I owe nothing to anyone."

People: We gather to praise the One who calls us to serve others in love.

Gathering Hymn

"Our Help Is in the Name of God"

No. 330

Procession of the Light of Christ

Call to Confession

Leader: It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession together.

Prayer of Confession

All: God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. We would be saint-like—holy, good, patient, and loving. But we end up feeling more like sinners—full of failures, lacking in morality, selfish and mean. Perhaps you see us simply as

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. - Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. - Sunday School



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human—as beloved and flawed, trying and failing, and sometimes succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear this good news: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

People: Alleluia! 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

Psalm 14

(Pew Bible Page 542; Large Print 781)

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

“The Lone Wild Bird”

arr. David Johnson

Adrian Sanchez, baritone

Second Reading

I Corinthians 6:12-20

(Pew Bible Page 1,146; Large Print 1,737)

Sermon

“Liberty: A User’s Guide”

Rev. Case Van Kempen

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Hymn of Response

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

No. 700

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

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Christopher Showerman

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

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, peace, life, and community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

No. 707

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

"Toccatà in F Major"

Dietrich Buxtehude



Floral Dedication:

Given in memory of my sister, Wendy Vought, by Robin Matheson.

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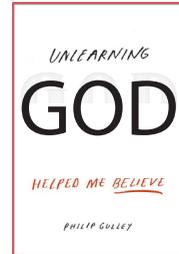
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Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe



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.

THANK YOU PASTOR CASE!

Interim Senior Pastor Case Van Kempen's last Sunday with us is August 4. Please stop by Friendship Hall for some cake, coffee and well wishes following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The Peoples Church has been so blessed by his presence this past year and wish to thank him for everything he has done for our church!

PEOPLES 101

Do you have questions about The Peoples Church? Get them answered at Peoples 101 on Sunday, August 4 at 11:30 a.m. in the Library. Peoples 101 is a 20-30 minute informal discussion with a pastor and Welcome Ministry members. All are welcome! Hope to see you there.

PCYG SUMMER TRIP

The Peoples Church Youth Group will be heading to Michigan's Adventure on August 21. Email Joe Kennedy at jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com to reserve your spot!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class is an important part of a student's life in the church. At The Peoples Church, we encourage our students in 8th grade or above to join us. In this class, we explore the Christian faith through conversation, study, and relationships. I know how this class has impacted students' lives in the past and I know it will be the same for your student.

Confirmation class takes place on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Centennial Room. We meet beginning in the middle of September and end in early April. If you have a student that is interested in being part of confirmation class, please contact Pastor Drew.