

*"I always thank my God
as I remember you in my prayers"*

Philemon 1:4



ORDER OF WORSHIP | AUGUST 11, 2019

Prelude

"Sheep May Safely Graze"
Judy Kabodian, organ

J.S. Bach

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Drew Filkins

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 50)

Leader: Come, listen to the One

People: who speaks and summons the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Leader: Come, see the One

People: who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.

Leader: Come, bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice that honors the One

People: who shows the salvation of God.

Gathering Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

No. 14

Procession of the Light of Christ

Prayer of Confession

All: You have given us a world of beauty, and we have spoiled it. A world to feed us, and so many go hungry. A world of riches, and we are unwilling to share. A world to care for, and we think only of ourselves.

Forgive us, gracious God, every time your heart is saddened by our selfishness, every time we have no thought for others, no cares but our own. Enable us to see this world as a gift from you that can be shared, and those who live on it as our neighbors.

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



200 W. Grand River Ave.
East Lansing, MI 48823
517.332.5073

ThePeoplesChurch.com

(continued)

We ask this, that your name may be glorified, through the beauty of this world, and the service of our lives. Amen.

Leader: Know the good news of the Gospel, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Response

"We Are Forgiven"

No. 447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

First Reading

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24

(Pew Bible Page 565; Large Print 822)

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

"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"

Mrs. S.A. Martin

Joey DiMenno Cerizza, mezzo-soprano

Second Reading

Philemon 4-14

(Pew Bible Page 1,202; Large Print 1,818)

Sermon

"Would You Like to Buy an Extended Warranty"

Rev. Drew Filkins

 [@Connect2TPC#TPCsermon](https://twitter.com/Connect2TPC#TPCsermon)

Hymn of Response

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

No. 465

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

"My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord"

arr. Florence B. Price

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

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside-down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering, to bless your church, your people, your creation. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn

“There Is Now a New Creation”

No. 774

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

“A Festal Fanfare”

J.S. Bach



Floral Dedication:

Given in memory of Ruth Ann Ference on the occasion of our 51st wedding anniversary, by Bob Ference.

Welcome



Join us in welcoming Pastor Tom Jones and his wife, Kate, who have been members of The Peoples Church for the past three years. Tom will be assisting Pastor Drew with pastoral duties until our new Senior Pastor arrives in October.

Tom was raised in the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids, attended Beloit College in Wisconsin, served as a youth pastor in a United Methodist Church and attended Boston University School of Theology (a United Methodist seminary.) In Boston, Tom met Kate, who attended a U.C.C. congregation and, after getting married in Massachusetts, they moved to Michigan and worked with youth programs at Pilgrim UCC in Lansing. Tom served as a pastor at the First Congregational Church, UCC in Charlotte, Michigan from 2002 - 2016. Tom is also a Pastoral Counselor, previously working across the street from this church at Lansing Psychological Associates and currently in private practice as Reflective Spirit Counseling.

Tom and Kate live on a small farm in Eaton County, raising alpacas, shetland sheep, chickens, ducks and peacocks all while learning how to manage a greenhouse.

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!

PCYG SUMMER LUNCHESES

Don't forget! PCYG meets every Wednesday, this summer, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for food, fun, and good company. Email Joe Kennedy with any questions at jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com.

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER PORTAL

The deadline for the September *Portal* is August 15! Be sure to email Rachel Giddings at rgiddings@thepeopleschurch.com with your content ASAP!

NEW ART EXHIBIT

"Water, Wildlife, Sky and Earth," a new exhibit featuring the work of Western Michigan photographer, Jim Carney, is now on display. It includes 33 pieces from his collection of waterfowl, flowers, lakescapes and skylines of Michigan and Florida. The exhibit, will be on display through October 17, 2019.

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 mid-September and continue through early April. If you have a student that is interested in being part of confirmation class, please contact Pastor Drew.

UNDIE SUNDAYS

TODAY is the last day for the Undie Sundays collection. Place your donations of NEW undershirts, underpants and socks for school-aged children in the RED collection basket at the Welcome Center. Donations will benefit the clothes closet at Judson Memorial Baptist Church.