

*"...no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother."*

Philemon 1:4



## ORDER OF WORSHIP | AUGUST 18, 2019

### **Prelude**

"Rejoice in the Lord"  
*Judy Kabodian, organ*

James Mansfield

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

Rev. Drew Filkins

### **Call to Worship**

Rev. Tom Jones

Leader: God is our salvation, guiding us out of the darkness of the world.

**People: Redeeming God, as trees stretch toward the sun, we seek your healing light.**

Leader: God is our salvation, when we hunger for direction and meaning.

**People: Sustaining God, as branches bear fruit, your word feeds our souls.**

Leader: Come now, put down the burdens of your days.

**People: God is our salvation. We rest in the garden of God's reconciling love.**

### **Gathering Hymn**

"All Creatures of Our God and King" (v. 1-4)

No. 15

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

### **Prayer of Confession**

**All: Gracious God, you have blessed us with the entirety of your creation and we have taken it all and tried to place it in a box that we can control rather than manage. When we go against your will we wonder why life does not work out for us. In our brokenness we seek happiness and joy in things and expectations. Then, outside of your hope, we are crushed by the world around us and our own inward thoughts.**

### **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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**Holy God, shine your light into the dark days and nights of our lives. Forgive us for falling from your love and blessings, and for the sake of Jesus, restore in us the joy that only comes through your Spirit living in us and through us. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

Leader: Through God's unending mercy and grace, God Almighty offers his Son Jesus Christ in exchange for our brokenness. Jesus is the light that brings joy in the morning and leads us to eternity by grace through faith. He has destroyed the grip of darkness that crushes the spirit and allows me to announce to you the good news: our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### **Congregational Response**

"We Are Forgiven"

No. 447

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
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### **First Reading**

Psalm 103:1-8

(Pew Bible Page 598; Large Print 879)

### **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.**

### **Duet**

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arr. Craig Courtney

*Michaela Larsen and Lynn Fendler, sopranos*

### **Second Reading**

Philemon 8-18

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

### **Sermon**

"Reconciliation"

Rev. Drew Filkins

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### **Hymn of Response**

"Live Into Hope"

No. 772

### **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***

**"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"**  
*Michaela Larsen, soprano*

arr. Richard Walters

### ***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***

**Oh Lord, you satisfy us with goodness and renew our youth like the eagles. You are our God, the Holy One. We come before you with thanksgiving and offer to you the gift of our time, talents and treasures so that your kingdom will be seen in this place. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.**

### ***Sending Hymn***

**"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"**

No. 761

### ***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 Creatures of Our God and King"**

arr. Michael Burkhardt



#### **Floral Dedication:**

**Given in celebration of the life of Carol O. Ekern, by Fran Ekern.**



# BLOOM

## A New Season Of Growth!

Kickoff Sunday:  
September 8, 2019



### **KICKOFF SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 8!**

Mark your calendars for our annual Kickoff Sunday and chicken dinner event! We are in the midst of exciting times, here, at The Peoples Church, and we look forward to BLOOMING and GROWING in faith with you! Make plans to join us!

### **PCYG SUMMER TRIP**

The Peoples Church Youth Group heads to Michigan's Adventure on August 21. Email Joe Kennedy at [jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com) if you're interested in going.

### **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 skiescapes of Michigan and Florida. The exhibit will be on display through October 17, 2019.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Confirmation class is an important part of a students' 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.

### **FALL PROGRAMMING**

Many of the different ministries will be starting their programming back up this fall just after Kickoff Sunday. Watch for important information regarding meeting times in upcoming bulletins or in the next issue of the *Portal*.