

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## MAY 12, 2019



### *Featuring*

*combined Carol, Youth, and Sanctuary Choirs*



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823  
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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**8:30 a.m.**

Worship Service, Chapel

**9:30 a.m.**

Carol Choir Rehearsal  
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 this week**

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## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!**

**5:30 p.m.**

Community Meal

**6:00 p.m.**

\* Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Children's Education

**6:30 p.m.**

Adult Formation Classes  
Peoples Church Youth Group

**\*Off this week**



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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.



## ORDER OF WORSHIP | MAY 12, 2019

**Prelude** "How Great Thou Art" arr. Emma Lou Diemer  
*Judy Kabodian, organist*

**Choral Introit** (10:30 a.m.) "We Come With Joy" John Erickson  
*Carol Choir, directed by Elizabeth Reed*

**Welcome to The Peoples Church!** Rev. Case Van Kempen

**Denominational Update** Rev. Dr. Jerry DeVine  
Mid-Michigan District Superintendent, United Methodist Church

### Call to Worship

Leader: We've come to worship God, who like a mother loved us before we were yet born;

**People: Who knows us even better than we know ourselves;**

Leader: Whose Spirit never leaves us;

**People: And whose love for us never ceases.**

Leader: This is our God. Let us worship together!

**Procession of the Light of Christ** Evie Laxton and Anna Harvey, acolytes

**Gathering Hymn** "O God in Whom All Life Begins" No. 308

### Call to Confession

Leader: Source of all creation, maker of the world and everything in it, you are never far from each one of us.

**People: We come into your house seeking you, O giver of life and breath.**

Leader: Hear us, we pray, as we join in a prayer of confession.

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

**All: Maker and giver of all, forgive us when we are too preoccupied to notice your presence in our lives: when we walk through this world and fail to see the wonder of you upholding our lives and all creation; when we walk through our lives and fail to see you abiding with, within, and around us; when we walk through holy moments and fail to savor your presence, instead feeling abandoned in the vast sweep of life as each day rushes at us with its demands. Open our eyes to your presence, God of love, that we may lean on you—for you uphold all of creation in tenderness and power. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: When Jesus left the disciples, he gave us a promise: "I will not leave you orphaned!" For we, his disciples, live in him and he in us—the presence of God within and around all. What a promise! Take courage! Take comfort!

**People: Blessed be 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** Acts 13:1-3  
(Pew Bible Page 1,105; Large Print 1,677)

**Anthem** (10:30 a.m.) "The Gift to Be Simple" arr. Dale Wood  
*Carol Choir & Coppertone Ringers, directed by Elizabeth Reed*

**Recognition of Sunday School Teachers** (10:30 a.m.) Rev. Drew Filkins  
Jodi Cook • Tammy Fickies • Jen Gabriel • Phyllis Grummon • Haley Hansen  
Julie Lawton • Maureen Ritchie • Kristin Schuette • Margaret Tassarò

**Combined Choir Anthem** "Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain" Carolyn Jennings  
(10:30 a.m.) *Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir and Carol Choir*

**Passing the Peace of Christ**  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Second Reading** Acts 14:8-18  
(Pew Bible Page 1,107; Large Print 1,680)

**Sermon** "Only the Messengers" Rev. Case Van Kempen  
 [@Connect2TPC#TPCSermon](https://twitter.com/Connect2TPC#TPCSermon)

**Hymn of Response** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 610

**Affirmation of Candidacy for Ordination** Haley Hansen, Rev. Dr. Jerry DiVine

## **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***

"I Love to Tell the Story"

arr. Dale Wood

### ***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***

**Giver of all gifts, we are grateful for your every blessing and for your presence through all of life—in our joys and fears, and in our hopes and dreads. We pray for those who do not know the consolation of your presence in their lives, asking that you reveal yourself to them through the gifts we have given and through the lives we live. Reveal yourself, O God, that all your children may find their true home in you. Amen.**

### ***Sending Hymn***

"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

No. 299

### ***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***

"The Praising Trumpet"

Steven Scott



#### **Floral Dedication:**

**Given in memory of my parents birthdays and the birthdays of their grandchildren,  
by Joan Wright.**

## TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

The Tuesday Morning Men's Group will meet on **May 14** at 7:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room. The topic will be a discussion on the book, "The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew—Three Women Searching for Understanding."

## PAINTING OUTSIDE THE LINES

"Painting Outsides the Lines" – a new exhibit by renowned watercolorist Maxine MacLeod, is now on display throughout the halls bordering the Sanctuary and in the Thomsen case across from the Library. The exhibit features 22 pieces from Maxine's collection of landscapes, lakescapes and flowers of the Midwest. It will be on display through July 18, 2019. "Painting Outside the Lines" was curated by Sue Patterson and installed by members of the Fine Arts Committee. Pick up a catalog for the exhibit in the NW entrance of the church.

## 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](http://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!** Following the assessment, you'll receive a customized report with additional recommendations for energy savings. You can't go wrong. It's a win-win for you and The Peoples Church!



You thought field trips were only for middle school students. Well, not anymore! This week will conclude our series with a trip to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. We will be learning about their space, traditions, and practices. You are welcome to ride the shuttle or drive yourself. Join us for this exciting series!

## PEOPLES FORUM



Join us in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m. on **May 19** as we hear from the Council of Elders. They will review the year and provide us with their projections for 2019/2020. This will be the last Peoples Forum until the Fall when it returns in September.

## PORTAL NEWSLETTER

The May issue of the *Portal* newsletter is now out. Check your inbox for your electronic copy or stop by the welcome desk or in the church office to grab a hard copy. If you are not currently on our email list to receive the *Portal* and other weekly communications from The Peoples Church, sign up on the homepage of [ThePeoplesChurch.com](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com) today!

## WNL! WILL BE ON SUMMER BREAK!

Starting Wednesday, May 22, WNL! programming will be 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.

Wednesday Night Live!  
goes on a



### Visiting Faith Spaces

April 24 ~ Christian Science Reading Room  
May 1 ~ Islamic Center of East Lansing  
May 8 ~ Bharatiya Hindu Temple  
May 15 ~ Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

Dinner 5:30 pm at The Peoples Church.  
Shuttle to Faith Spaces at 6:15 pm and will return to the church by 7:30.



## 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](http://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.



## JEWELRY & USED BOOK SALE MAY 18-19, 2019

### HOURS:

**SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**



Presented by:  
The Women of Peoples Church &  
The Peoples Church Fishbach Library Committee



# 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](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com)! Email Ann Harvey, Children's CE Director, at: [aharvey@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:aharvey@thepeopleschurch.com), with any questions.

## SAVE THE DATE!

3RD ANNUAL HENRY & ANNABEL LARZELERE MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES

Sunday, October 13, 2019 • The Peoples Church

### *Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe*



Featuring Philip Gulley

A Quaker Pastor, Writer and Speaker

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

