

ORDER OF WORSHIP | JULY 14, 2019

Prelude "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" Vicki Walker, piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Case Van Kempen

Call to Worship

Leader: The Psalmist says, "I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises

peace to his people, his faithful servants ... love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other." Let's pray together:

All: We meet you here, Lord, at the intersection of love and faithfulness.

Here prayer and praise join hands, scripture is embraced, and our voices unite in hymns to you. Speak tenderly to our hearts in this hour of worship, God of all Creation, and show us the path to peace.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" No. 619

Procession of the Light of Christ

Call to Confession

Leader: The God revealed to us in the pages of scripture is a welcoming and

inclusive God who directs us to love one another. We seek to remove all the barriers that keep us from that love. Come now, and let us confess

all that separates us from others and from God.

Prayer of Confession

All: Faithful God, you never quit on us. You are always near. Despite our humanness, you work in us to fulfill your good purposes. We seek your face, O God. But sometimes, we get in our own way. We grumble and

complain and lose sight of the greater thing. We argue and turn our

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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focus inward, instead of looking to you. We're self-reliant and we grow weary. Help us to stand firm so that we don't run in vain. Forgive us our faults and our warped ways. Remove any stumbling block or shortcoming from us so we may shine among those we meet. Through your great power among us; Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our

need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the

good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! 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 71:1-18

(Pew Bible Page 577; Large Print 844)

Communion (8:30 a.m.)

Sacrament of Baptism

Riley Ann Spencer

(10:30 a.m.) Born March 13, 2019

Statement of Faith We believe the teachings of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and

with the help of God, we will strive daily to live the life of purity, unselfishness and service which he exemplified to the world.

Baptismal Hymn "Baptized in Water" No. 482

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 "Devotion" arr. Craig Courtney

Christine Roberts, mezzo-soprano

Second Reading Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

(Pew Bible Page 671; Large Print 1,000)

Sermon "Finishing Well" Rev. Case Van Kempen

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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 Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

arr. Virgil Thomson

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 these gifts freely, we receive these gifts gratefully, we dedicate these gifts to the work of the church: serving human wholeness, caring for our planet, upholding religious freedom, welcoming the stranger, and loving one another. Amen.

Sending Hymn "Fight the Good Fight" No. 846

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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. John Carter



Floral Dedication:

Given in memory of Jean Porter, by Sheila Tansey Johnson.



Candidating Weekend for the Candidate for the next Senior Pastor is happening **July 20 - 21, 2019!**

There will be a Meet & Greet Reception in the Robertson Room next Saturday, July 20, from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The candidate will give a sermon at both Sunday services, with a special congregational meeting to vote on the candidate following the 10:30 a.m. service.

While the identity of the candidate cannot be revealed to the congregation at this time, out of respect for their current congregation, know that the Council of Elders joyfully gave unanimous support in favor of the candidate at their last meeting! This news is brought to you with great thanksgiving to our Senior Pastor Search Committee.



PCYG has some upcoming events scheduled for this summer; check out a summary of events below:

Mission Trip: July 14-19

Lily Callis, Carter Kelly, Bronwynn Kewin, John Laxton, Cooper Mellor, Naomi Sowa, and Andrew Witkus will be leaving for Philadelphia, TODAY, to start their week-long mission trip. They will be working with Big Brothers & Big Sisters learning about urban farming and the realities of urban poverty. Please keep all in your prayers for a successful trip.

Summer Lunches meet every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. unless a special event takes place. Tentatively a picnic lunch at Potter Park Zoo is planned for **August 7**. If you would like to volunteer to be a driver, please let me know! There will not be a Wednesday lunch planned for July 17 and 24 due to the PCYG Mission Trip and vacation.

The Michigan's Adventure trip will be on **August 21**; make sure you save the date! More details to come.

LEADERSHIP Opportunities

It's an exciting time to become more involved in the church and be with your church family. Do you know of someone who would be interested in becoming an elder of our church, or one who would serve on the nominating committee? If so, please send in your nomination, (and yes, you can nominate yourself!) by placing this form in the offertory plate. Consider becoming more involved in the ministries of this church and share your time and talents. We need 5 new elders and 4 new nominating committee members. We will vote on this new slate of elders at the Fall Congregational Meeting. Contact Bev Mason (chair) at 517.256.3755, or email at masonbj2790@gmail.com.

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