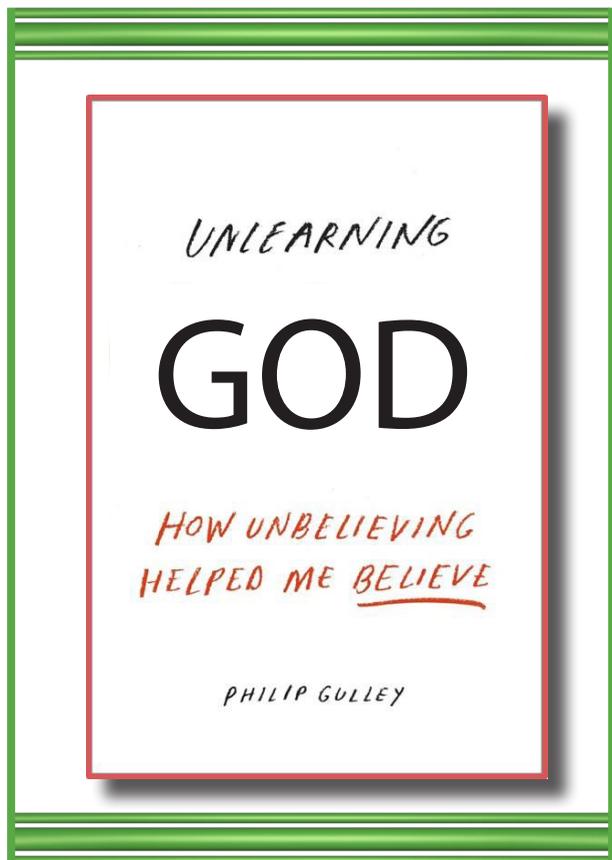


SUNDAY WORSHIP

OCTOBER 13, 2019



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

Carol Choir Rehearsal

Confirmation Class

PCYG Bible Exploration

Peoples Forum

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Sanctuary

Children's Sunday School

11:30 a.m.

Coppertones Rehearsal

Lunch & Lounge | Campus Ministry

Dance 149

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

Yoga Class



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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

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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.

ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is pleased to welcome ASL interpreters for our 10:30 a.m. worship service and for special events.



MAKE A GIFT

Please note, we have a new link for online giving (below):

<https://onrealm.org/thepeopleschurch/Give>

See back page for more information on **REALM!**

Children through 5th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School following the Children's Moment during service. Please be sure to check-in your child at one of the kiosks located in Friendship Hall, prior to worship service, to receive a name tag for your child. Kathi Mitchell, Children's Christian Education Director, will lead the children to the classrooms on the third floor for Sunday School. At the conclusion of worship, you may pick up your child on the third floor; please show the security code you received at check-in to the teacher.

ORDER OF WORSHIP | OCTOBER 13, 2019

Prelude (8:30 a.m.) "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" arr. Emma Lou Diemer
Judy Kabodian, organ

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "Introduction and Flourishes" Philip Young
Clarion Ringers, directed by Elizabeth Reed

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Drew Filkins
Worship is both personal and communal, formal and informal, intimate and casual. Here at The Peoples Church, we recognize that people come to worship God in both joy and pain, faith and doubt, with laughter and with tears. Our worship tries to reflect a desire both for meditation and celebration. Please know you are invited to participate in any and all ways you feel led. Our songs, prayers, words and actions are the works of imperfect people trying to worship a perfect God.

Call to Worship

Leader: Come and celebrate! Shout joyfully to the Lord, your God! Glorify him with your praise!

People: **Everything on earth will worship you; they will sing your praises, shouting your name in joyful songs.**

Leader: Come and see what our God has done, what awesome things he has done for us!

People: **Let the whole world bless our God and sing his praise. For our lives are in his hands, and he keeps our feet from stumbling.**

Gathering Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" No. 263

Procession of the Light of Christ Evie Laxton and Abigail Schuette, Acolytes

Prayer of Confession

All: **Merciful God, we confess that we have hidden our light and failed to share the love of Christ. We have walked away from the people Jesus came to serve, from the cities and towns where he carried out his ministry. We have chosen instead to make our home in the isolated places where Jesus retreated for prayer. And even there, our prayers have been mostly for**

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ourselves. We have deemed our church an escape from the world, rather than a sanctuary for it. We have deemed ourselves your chosen people but forsaken the ministry of reconciliation. In your infinite mercy, forgive us our sins and set us on the path of true righteousness, that we may find the joy of our salvation as we seek the welfare of the world around us, especially our community. Amen.

Congregational Response "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" (verse 1) No. 796
**We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.**

First Reading Psalm 66:1-12
(Pew Bible Page 574; Large Print 837)

Communion

Children's Moment (10:30 a.m.)

Passing the Peace of Christ (Please stand if able)

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

Anthem (10:30 a.m.) "This Day" arr. Kirby Shaw
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Second Reading Luke 3:1-6, 10-11
(Pew Bible Page 1,028; Large Print 1,562)

Sermon "What Then Shall We Do?" Pastor Philip Gulley
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Hymn of Response "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice" No. 163

Prayers of the People

(During the pastoral prayer there will be a time to offer prayers of joy and concern, voiced aloud or silently for and on behalf of others.)

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 (10:30 a.m.)

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"
Christine Roberts, mezzo-soprano

arr. Howard Helvey

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

Shout out to God, all the earth! Break into joyful songs to the one true God! Sing of the glory due his name, and offer the most magnificent praises! All your works are wonderful! The entire earth bows down to worship you, singing songs of praise and glory to your name. And so do we, as we bring our gifts before you this morning to the Glory of God. Amen.

Induction of New Members

Paula Detwiller • Roger Smmitter • Katie Zondervan • Rob Zondervan

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.

Sending Hymn

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

No. 796

Benediction *(Please stand if able)*

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

"Simple Gifts"

arr. Wilbur Held



Floral Dedication:

Given in honor and in memory of Judy's mother, Linda, by Dottie Boettcher.

HARVEST FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 20!

Join us on **October 20**, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, for our inaugural Family Harvest Festival! There will be food, crafts, games, activities, and mission projects for all ages! This event will take place in the Snider Social Hall and in the gym.



PEOPLES FORUM



On **October 20**, The Peoples Forum will welcome Larry Pingel, Insurance Agent. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

DORCAS CIRCLE

Dorcas Circle will meet on **October 15** at 7:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. The program will be making blankets for babies as part of the Linus Project. For more information, contact Cheryl Leece at 517.410.1313.

DEBORAH CIRCLE

The Deborah Circle meets on **October 16** at 6:30 p.m. in the Snider Social Hall. Join us!

THE READING PEOPLE

The Reading People meet on **October 17** from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. All are welcome to join us!

REBEKAH/HANNAH CIRCLE

The Rebekah/Hannah Circle will meet for lunch and Conversation, on **October 23**, at 12:30 p.m. at Coral Gables Restaurant in East Lansing.

THE KNITTING PEOPLE

The Knitting People will meet on **October 24** from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Join us; all are welcome!



Join us in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays (following the community meal), as Pastor Drew leads a study on Jonah. This prophet is often quoted and often misunderstood.

FLU CLINIC

The Peoples Church will again be sponsoring a Flu Shot Clinic for employees and families on **October 15** in the Robertson Room from 1:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m. Members of The Peoples Church are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to prepare for the coming flu season by getting their flu shot at this convenient location. Rite Aid Pharmacy is administering the clinic and will bill the appropriate insurance carrier.

TPC 24/7: ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!

If you haven't already, be sure to download *REALM*, our new updated online program that allows you to be connected with us 24/7, Anytime, Anywhere! Update personal info, search the church directory, give online, view giving history, and more! Go to your app store, search for "Realm Connect" if using an iPhone or "Connect Our Church" if using an Android.

THANK YOU FROM LARY HILL

I want to sincerely thank each one of you who sent a card, wrote a note, made a call, inquired through Mary, stopped to visit me, or offered a prayer as I recovered from my aneurysm surgery. The obvious warmth and caring I experienced just confirms that The Peoples Church is LOVE! ~ Humbly, Lary Hill



About Our Speaker

Philip Gulley is a Quaker pastor, writer and speaker from Danville, Indiana where he lives today with his wife, Joan, and two dogs, Ruby and Jack. Many of his characters and recollections are taken from his boyhood in this small Midwestern town.

Gulley attended Marian University in Indianapolis where he studied theology and sociology. He then enrolled at Christian Theological Seminary where he received his Master of Divinity in 1992. While in seminary, he became the pastor of Irvington Friends Meeting in Indianapolis and began writing essays for the church's newsletter. Paul Harvey, Jr. received those newsletters and shared them with a publisher.

A few months later, the publisher invited Gulley to publish his essays, which resulted in *Front Porch Tales*, his first book in the best-selling *Porch Talk* series of inspirational and humorous essays. He has been writing ever since.

An eclectic writer, Gulley has published 22 books, including the acclaimed *Harmony* series chronicling life in the eccentric Quaker community of Harmony, Indiana. Gulley's latest fictional series continues the exploits of Sam Gardner, first introduced in the *Harmony* series. The new *Hope* series includes *A Place Called Hope*, *A Lesson in Hope*, and *A Gathering in Hope*, his most recent fictional release.

Gulley has also written several books of theology. He and co-author James Mulholland describe their progressive worldview in their books *If Grace Is True* and *If God Is Love*. Gulley then went on to write *If the Church Were Christian* in which he presents a profound picture of what the church could look like if it refocused on the priorities of Jesus. In his book *The Evolution of Faith* he proposes a fresh direction for Christianity and articulates a Christianity that, while faithful to the priorities of Jesus, can help its adherents live happily, peacefully, and productively in our complex world. The Nobel laureate Desmond Tutu said of that book, "In our ever-changing world, Gulley's book is much needed. An important book for any person of faith." Gulley's 22nd book, entitled *Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe* explores the process of spiritual growth, especially the re-interpretation of the earliest principles we learned about God.

Gulley has served as a Quaker pastor for 30 years, currently pastoring Fairfield Friends Meeting in Camby, Indiana. Additionally, he hosted the television program *Porch Talk* with Phil Gulley on the Indiana PBS affiliate WFYI and their flagship show *Across Indiana*, for which he received two Emmy® Awards. He also writes the popular monthly *Home Again* column for *Indianapolis Monthly* and is a regular contributor to *The Saturday Evening Post*. In 2010, Christian Theological Seminary awarded Gulley an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. In 2014, Gulley was presented with an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Franklin College, in recognition of his body of work.

Henry & Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture Series



The Henry & Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture Series was established in 2017 to honor their interest in continuing education on topics of international interest and theological thought. Henry and Annabel moved to East Lansing in 1938 where Henry was a new faculty member in the College of Agriculture at MSU. They promptly joined The Peoples Church and became deeply involved in the church community as well as in greater Lansing where they were active in a variety of civic activities. Henry and Annabel were world travelers who were always building bridges of hope and understanding. Our desire is that these lectures will inspire and

strengthen us to serve with compassionate love as we strive to build a more just and peaceful world.

Henry & Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture Series 2019

Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

October 13, 2019

The Peoples Church

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Worship Services

Philip Gulley, Preacher

Noon Luncheon

Snider Social Hall, (Lower Level)

**(Lunch will be available in the Robertson Room
for those with accessibility needs)**

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

***Presentation**

Philip Gulley

*Childcare is available on the 2nd Floor



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