

*"...Prepare a guest room for me, because I hope to be restored to you in answer to your prayers."*

Philemon 1:22



## ORDER OF WORSHIP | AUGUST 25, 2019

**Prelude** "Ave Verum Corpus" W.A. Mozart  
*Judy Kabodian, organ*

**Welcome to The Peoples Church!** Rev. Drew Filkins

**Call to Worship** Brad Williams

Leader: As Abraham welcomed the strangers

**People: so God welcomes us.**

Leader: God greets us with joy

**People: and says, "rest here for awhile."**

Leader: God brings out water to wash our dusty feet.

**People: God prepares a meal to nourish our weary spirits.**

Leader: So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God.

**People: Let us rest in this holy place.**

**Gathering Hymn** "Let Us Build a House (All are Welcome)" No. 301

**Procession of the Light of Christ**

**Call to Confession**

Leader: While we may yearn to be like Jesus, we know that in our hotheaded choices, our frantic lives, our impetuous words, we are too often like Peter. But like him, we can confess Christ as our Lord, speaking of our need for your saving presence in our lives.

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**All: We look for you in all the wrong places, God of the lost, and wonder why we cannot find you. We wander the corridors of power, while you are on the sidewalks, beside the homeless.**

### 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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**We sit at the head tables of the world, while you are handing out soup to the hungry at the kitchen's backdoor. We applaud those who win the race, while you are cheering on those in last place. In forgiving us, God of new life, you would transform our cold hearts into those melted in service to others. In granting us mercy, you challenge us to think of all those we have ignored. In gifting us with grace, you enable us to proclaim Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as the hope, the joy, the peace the world seeks.**

### ***Assurance of Pardon***

**Leader:** It is not money, but our generosity with it; it is not power, but our willingness to humble ourselves; it is not our efforts, but Christ's gift, which transforms us into God's children.

**People:** **It is more than just how we think. In mercy and grace, our hearts, our lives, our spirits are transfigured and made new. Thanks be to God. 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***

Romans 12:9-12

(Pew Bible Page 1,137; Large Print 1,725)

### ***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***

*"O Lord, Our God, We Seek Thy Guidance"*

W. A. Mozart

*Ben Clements, bass*

### ***Second Reading***

Philemon 17-25

(Pew Bible Page 1,202; Large Print 1,819)

### ***Sermon***

*"Parasitical Hospitality"*

Rev. Drew Filkins

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### ***Hymn of Response***

*"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

No. 435

### ***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 Good Lord’s Done Been Here”

arr. Moses Hogan

### ***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***

**In deep gratitude for all that You have done for us, we offer ourselves and our gifts to You— living sacrifices of worship and praise. Transform our hearts and minds from the inside out; show us what is good and pleasing in Your sight, so that we may be quick to recognize Your call, and quick to respond. In the name of Jesus, our Messiah and Lord, Amen.**

### ***Sending Hymn***

“Together We Serve”

No. 767

### ***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***

“Recessional in G Major”

G. F. Handel



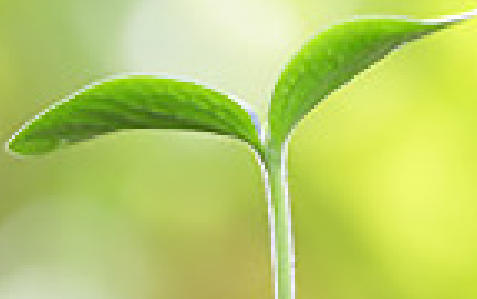
**Floral Dedication:  
Given to the glory of God.**



# 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!

### **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*.

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!**

*Wednesday Night Live!* starts back up on **September 11** with new fall programming. Join us for the community meal at 5:30 p.m. in the Snider Social Hall and at 6:30 p.m., meet us in the Robertson Room for our series on "The Women of the Bible." We will learn about, and explore, the stories of the women who shaped Moses' life, some "shady" women of the Old Testament as well as heroines in the New Testament. All are welcome!

### **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.

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