

“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Mark 10:47

ORDER OF WORSHIP | SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Prelude

“Ubi Caritas et Amor”
Vicki Walker, piano

Mary Ellen Hauptert

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Joe Kennedy

Call to Worship

Leader: We have come to worship at the feet of Jesus Christ, the redeemer of all, and author of our salvation.

People: It is a good and a joyful thing to offer Him our thanks and our praise.

Leader: For Christ alone is the Holy One, He alone is the Most High.

People: God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Leader: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, let us come to worship the Lord.

People: We come together to rejoice in this day that the Lord has made.

Gathering Hymn

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

No. 393

Procession of the Light of Christ

Prayer of Confession

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

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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Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

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

Luke 9: 18-27

(Pew Bible Page 1,038; Large Print 1,578)

Children's Moment (10:30 a.m.) There will be no Sunday school today.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Solo

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

Dale Wood

Peter Boylan, baritone

Celebration of Holy Communion

Rev. Tom Jones

Communion Hymns

"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

No. 498

"Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

No. 503

"Come to the Table of Grace"

No. 507

Second Reading

Mark:10 46-52

(Pew Bible Page 1,014; Large Print 1,542)

Sermon

"Rebuked by Christians, Saved by Christ"

Joe Kennedy

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Hymn of Response

"O Save Me, God, and Hear My Cry"

No. 812

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

“Sit Down Servant”

arr. Patsy Ford Simms

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

Leader: Almighty and grace bestowing God, we, your earthly servants, give you most humble thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness, to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Give us such an awareness of your mercies, that our hearts may be thankful, and that we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up both ourselves and our gifts to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

No. 316

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

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

arr. James D. Kimball



Floral Dedication:

**Given in honor of our 13th year of wedded bliss (anniversary is September 2, 2006),
by Ben and Jessica Eysselinck.**



A New Season Of Growth!

Kickoff Sunday:
September 8, 2019

8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Chapel

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary &
Children's Sunday School, 3rd floor

11:30 a.m. Chicken Dinner Celebration,
Snider Social Hall



KICKOFF SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 8!

Our annual Kickoff Sunday and chicken dinner event happens next Sunday! Join us for worship at either our 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. service. Then, following our 10:30 a.m. service, be sure to stop by Snider Social Hall for our annual chicken dinner! We look forward to BLOOMING and GROWING in faith with you; See you there!

UNDIE SUNDAYS

The children of our congregation are holding an Undie Sundays drive to benefit Refugee Services and Women's shelters in the Greater Lansing area. They are collecting packages of NEW underwear for those in need in our community. During the Children's Moment in the 10:30 a.m. service, we welcome your child to bring their donation up for collection. All sizes and styles are needed.

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!

CHICs BIBLE STUDY

The CHiCs (Connected Hearts in Christ) women's Bible Study will start again on **September 12** from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and will continue to meet weekly in the Robertson room. We will be studying Philip Gulley's book, *Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe*. Philip Gully will be at TPC on October 13 and will speak at both services; there will be a lunch and a lecture after. Please contact Beth Lundy at Lundybb@comcast.net or 610.246.0029 with any questions.

HENRY & ANNABEL LARZELERE LECTURE SERIES: OCTOBER 13

Philip Gulley, Quaker Pastor, Author and Speaker, will soon be here at The Peoples Church on October 13 preaching at both worship services. There will be a presentation on Gulley's latest book, *Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe*, as well as a luncheon in the afternoon. Listeners will be challenged to "unlearn" burdensome obstacles in their faith so that they can forge a more authentic relationship with God. Mark your calendars for this terrific event!