

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

"Rejoice with me; I have found
my lost sheep." Luke 15:6



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

*** OFF THIS WEEK**

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 | SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Prelude

"Prelude on Two Folk Hymns"

Judy Kabodian, organ

Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.

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

Alan Canady

Leader: King of all the earth,

People: Creator of the universe,

Leader: Holy Triune God,

People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.

Leader: You are merciful and full of loving-kindness and great compassion;

People: We will rejoice, for your grace, O Lord, has overflowed for us.

Leader: Who is like our God, the One who takes away the iniquity of his people, the One who gives them clean hearts and right spirits?

People: We will rejoice, for your grace, O Lord, has overflowed for us.

Leader: This is our God, the Holy One.

People: Come before him with thanksgiving and offer him the sacrifice of praise.

Gathering Hymn

"All Creatures of Our God and King" (v. 1-4)

No. 15

Procession of the Light of Christ

Jack Fickies and Javier Robles, Acolytes

Prayer of Confession (inspired by Luke 15: 1-10)

All: O most patient God, we recognize how much we need you for life itself. But how often have we behaved as if we did not know or even care about you? How often have we become the ones who do not carry out justice? How often have we tried to dominate others even as you stand with them?

(continued)

How often have we participated in the desolation of your creation by our treatment of the heavens, the earth and its waters? Forgive us for these times when we have lost our way. All loving God, we want to be among those whom you seek. Shower your mercy upon us. Find us, and lead us safely home to faithfulness.

Words of Assurance

Leader: My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost. God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around, gathering us in to the people of God. Let us rejoice in God's mercy!

People: 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 51:1-10
(Pew Bible Page 566; Large Print 823)

Communion (8:30 a.m.)

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.) "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Mark Hayes
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Second Reading Luke 15:1-10
(Pew Bible Page 1,047; Large Print 1,591)

Sermon "Why Did I Come in Here?" Rev. Drew Filkins
 [@Connect2TPC #TPCsermon](#)

Responsive Hymn "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us" No. 436

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.)

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
Will Johnson, tenor with Jim Phelps, string bass

arr. Lloyd Larson

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

May your love and mercy be upon us today, O Lord. Let your joy and gladness dawn in our spirits, and the recreating power of your Spirit make us new. We offer to you the gifts of our time, treasures and talents so that your kingdom may be known in all the earth and that all people may experience your justice. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

No. 649

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

"Festal Song"

Seth Bingham



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

TUESDAY MORNING MENS GROUP

The Tuesday Morning Mens Group will meet on **September 17** at 7:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room. The group will read Philp Gulley's book, *Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe*. All are welcome!

DORCAS CIRCLE

Dorcas Circle will meet on **September 17** at 2:00 p.m. for an ice cream social at the home of Dee Toth. Please r.s.v.p. to Dee by calling 517.482.4414.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S OFFERING

During the month of September, the children of our congregation are holding a special drive to benefit Love Clothing Center of Judson Memorial Baptist Church in Lansing. 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 forward for collection. All sizes and styles are needed.

PEOPLES FORUM



On **September 22**, The Peoples Forum will welcome Debbie Horak, CEO of GÜD Public Relations, at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room. Join us!

BLOOM MAGAZINE: VOLUME 2 NOW OUT!

If you haven't already, be sure to grab a copy, or two, of the latest issue of our BLOOM Magazine and share them with friends and family who are curious about The Peoples Church. You can find them located at the Welcome Center, in Friendship Hall, and in the church office.



Join us in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays (following the community meal), for our month-long series on *Women of the Bible*. Kate Jones leads our discussion where we will learn and explore the stories of the women who shaped Moses' life.

REBEKAH/HANNAH CIRCLE

The Rebekah/Hannah Circle will meet on **September 25** at 1:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Andy Mayville will be our guest speaker and will present to us the "We Recycle To Save" program. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

RINGERS & SINGERS WANTED

Clarion Ringers (the adult bell choir) and the Sanctuary Choir are looking for new (adult) members to start immediately! Whether you want to make music with your hands or with your voice, we welcome you to be part of The Peoples Church Music Ministry! All you need is to be able to read music and make the practices. Practices for the bell choir are on Wednesday nights from 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Practices for Sanctuary choir are on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping to make joyful music and are college-age or older, please email Liz Reed at lizdreed@aol.com about becoming a member of the Clarion Ringers. Or, if you are interested in becoming a member of the Sanctuary Choir, email office@thepeopleschurch.com or just come to rehearsal.

DEBORAH CIRCLE

Following the WNL! community meal, the Deborah Circle will meet **September 18** at 6:30 p.m. in the Snider Social Hall. Join us!

VISITATION TEAM

The Peoples Church Visitation Team is looking for volunteers. Our volunteers visit members of our church who are in retirement homes or who are still at home, but unable to attend church on a regular basis. Our mission is to help these members feel connected to the church. We ask visitors to make a contact at least once per month. If interested in being a volunteer, or if you know a member who would appreciate a visit, please contact Pat Brogan at 517.337.1446 or Gretchen Rosenbrook at 517.332.5132.

KNITTING PEOPLE

The Knitting People will meet on **September 26** from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. New knitters are invited to join and make baby items, prayer shawls, hats and mittens and more!

TPC 24/7: ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!

We are excited about the new things happening at The Peoples Church! We are growing in many ways, including our online community. *REALM*, our new updated online program, keeps us connected 24/7: Anytime, Anywhere!, and offers more ways for you to support the church and to stay informed! You'll be able to update personal info, search the church directory, give online, view giving history, and more. See the ad on the next page to learn how to get the app and watch the weekly bulletin and monthly *Portal* for more information.



This year our mission partner, Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project, is showing an exciting new documentary, *Victors*. This documentary showcases how our support in Uganda contributes to the building of a civil society through education and advocacy.

Studio C! is once again hosting this exciting event/fundraiser on **October 10**, at 6:30 p.m. The church has purchased a block of tickets for our members so that we can have a great show of support. Call Barb Dunlap at 517.285.0824, or email her at bdunlap1953@gmail.com, to reserve your spot.

The creators of the documentary will be on hand to share their experience. Plan to join us for this fundraising event and help support the grandmothers and children of Uganda, while enjoying a movie! Popcorn and drinks are included!

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Stay connected to our church wherever you go by downloading the [free Connect - Our Church Community app](#) for iPhone and Android devices. Use it to communicate with your groups, RSVP to events, manage your giving, update profile information, and more.

Download the app using these links:

iPhone: search for "Realm Connect" in the app store

Android: search for "Connect Our Church" in the Google Play store

Stay tuned for more details to come!



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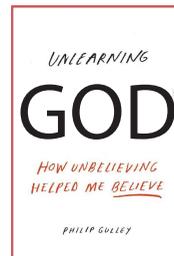
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Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe



Featuring Philip Gulley
Quaker Pastor, Author and Speaker

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



Books will also be for sale during this event.