



ORDER OF WORSHIP | AUGUST 4, 2019

Prelude

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”
Vicki Walker, piano

arr. Ryan Chesser

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Case Van Kempen

Call to Worship

Leader: Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

People: Gather us in, the weak and the strong.

Leader: Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

People: Gather us in, the young and the old.

Leader: Gather us in, to sing of God’s works.

People: Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.

Leader: Gather us in, to be filled with the Spirit.

People: Gather us in, to know of God’s love.

Gathering Hymn

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

No. 403

Procession of the Light of Christ

Call to Confession (Ps. 34:18)

Leader: The psalmist says that the Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Let us admit our brokenness to God.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of healing, God of wholeness;

People: We bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and despair, and lay them at your feet.

Leader: God of healing, God of wholeness;

People: We hold out hearts and hands, minds and souls to feel your touch, and know the peace that only you can bring.

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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Leader: God of healing, God of wholeness;

People: In this precious moment, in your presence and power, grant us faith and confidence that here broken lives are made whole.

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.

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

Psalm 138

(Pew Bible Page 621; Large Print 1)

Communion

Rev. Drew Filkins

Communion Hymns

"Here, O Our Lord, We See You"

No. 517

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

No. 630

"Great God of Every Blessing"

No. 694

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

"Psalm 23"

Gwyneth Walker

Melanie Walker, soprano

Second Reading

Philemon 1-7

(Pew Bible Page 1,202; Large Print 1,737)

Sermon

"Hello and Goodbye"

Rev. Case Van Kempen

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Liturgy for the Release of the Pastoral Search Team

Leader: In June of last year, The Council of the Peoples Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, called together a team of servants to conduct a pastoral search.

Search Team: Our vision was limited, our courage frail, our hours fleeting, but God gave us grace and guidance for the task.

Congregation: God blessed your efforts, and we are grateful that through you, God revealed to us the next senior pastor of our church.

Search Team: We praise God and will continue to pray for God's blessings on the Rev. Shawnthea Monroe.

Leader: We now release you from your service on the Pastoral Search Team, and pray that your work will resound to God's glory.

All: **O Spirit of God, accept our gratitude, bless our new pastor, and build your kingdom among us. Amen.**

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 "Aint-a That Good News" arr. Uzee Brown Jr.

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 dedicate these gifts, Lord, for the work of the church, and we ask you to use all that we have and all that we are in your service. Amen.

Sending Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" No. 450

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Rev. Case Van Kempen

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 "O God Beyond All Praising" arr. Mark Hayes



Floral Dedication:

Given with grateful thanks to Case and Leigh Van Kempen for their outstanding care and service to our members and our community.

Thank You

Pastor Case, on behalf of the Council of Elders, the Senior Pastor Search Team and the entire family of faith at The Peoples Church, I want to thank you for your leadership, presence, and ministry during our time of transition. You have helped us discern God's calling and prepared us for the next chapter of growth. We appreciate all you have done. May God bless you in your next phase of ministry!

~ Pastor Drew

Join us in Friendship Hall, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, for refreshments and to honor and thank Pastor Case Van Kempen.

PEOPLES 101

Join us, TODAY, after the 10:30 a.m. worship in the Library for Peoples 101. It's a 20-30 minute informal discussion with a Pastor and Welcome Ministry Membrs. Don't miss the chance to get your questions about The Peoples Church answered. All are welcome! Hope to see you there.

PCYG SUMMER LUNCHES

Don't forget! The Peoples Church Youth Group meets every Wednesday, this summer, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for food, fun, and good company. On August 7, PCYG will be lunching at Potter Park Zoo. Email Joe Kennedy with any questions at, jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com.



PCYG SUMMER TRIP

The Peoples Church Youth Group will be heading to Michigan's Adventure on August 21. Email Joe Kennedy at jkennedy@thepeopleschurch.com to reserve your spot!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class is an important part of a student's 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 in the middle of September and end in early April. If you have a student that is interested in being part of confirmation class, please contact Pastor Drew.