

SO YOU ARE NO LONGER A SLAVE, BUT GOD'S CHILD; AND SINCE YOU ARE HIS CHILD

GOD HAS MADE YOU ALSO AN HEIR.

+ GALATIANS 4:7+

ORDER OF WORSHIP | JULY 12, 2015

Prelude "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" arr. Gilbert Martin

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Drew Filkins

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13)

Leader: Peace-loving and peace-giving God, you bless us with your unfailing and unconditional love:

People: **We come to worship and praise our loving God, and rejoice in God's tender mercy towards us.**

Leader: Generous God, you pour blessings and grace upon us, forgiving us for our sin and shame:

People: **We come to worship and honor our merciful God, rejoicing in the wonder of forgiven and forgotten sin.**

Leader: Holy God, in the beauty of your shalom, and in the glory of your presence, all barriers are lowered:

People: **We come to worship and revere our glorious God, who enriches the lives of God's own people and speaks peace into the hearts of all faithful people. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" No. 263
(Please stand if able.)

Prayer of Confession Rev. Andrew Pomerville

God of grace, you call us to be different from the world. The world is tempting, so we come here to be strengthened.

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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.

SUMMER WORSHIP

SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - Chapel
9:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

6:15 p.m. - Chapel



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God of vision, you hold before us an alternate way of life, different priorities, loyalties and values; but the world is seductive and powerful, and we are drawn to its priorities, accept its values and show loyalty to its gods.

God, who blesses the meek, the peacemakers, and the merciful, forgive us when we lose sight of these qualities and misunderstand their role in the world.

Assurance of Pardon

“Glory to God”

No. 583

First Reading

Galatians 4:1-20

(Pew Bible Page 1,170, Large Print Page 1,771)

Children’s Moment (9:30 a.m.)

Passing the Peace of Christ (9:30 a.m.)

(Please stand if able.)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Solo

“How Beautiful Are the Feet” from *Messiah*
Katy Bethel, soprano

G.F. Handel

Second Reading

Galatians 4:21-31

(Pew Bible Page 1,170, Large Print Page 1,771)

Sermon

“One Story, Two Narratives”

Rev. Drew Filkins



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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 & Dedication of Gifts

Offertory Music (9:30 a.m.)

“The Lord is My Shepherd”

arr. Gilbert Martin

Act of Praise *(Please stand if able.)*

**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 give thanks for all we have received, O God: gifts of love and time, money and abilities. Into these plates and into this place, we return a portion of these gifts. Bless those who receive them, just as we are blessed in the act of sharing them. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion (8:30 a.m.)

Passing the Peace of Christ (8:30 a.m.)

(Please stand if able.)

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

Sending Hymn (9:30 a.m.)

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

No. 630

Benediction (9:30 a.m.) *(Please stand if able.)*

Benediction Response (9:30 a.m.)

**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 (9:30 a.m.)

"Live Into Hope"

arr. Seth Bingham

Today's Floral Dedication

To the Glory of God



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LUGNUTS GAME | AUG. 23

Our annual Peoples Church outing to see the Lugnuts is booked for 2:05 p.m. on Aug. 23. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and includes an all-you-can-eat meal. It's also Kids Day at the ball park. Children are invited to play catch on the field before the first pitch and run the bases after the final out. Reserve your tickets online at ThePeoplesChurch.com.



SENIOR RECITAL: JULY 26

All are invited and welcome to attend Peoples Church member DJ Shafer's senior recital at 6:30 p.m. on July 26 in the Sanctuary. The recital will feature different genres of music and some special guests. It's his way of saying thank you to family, friends and especially his Peoples Church family for all of their support throughout the years. Desserts will be served in the Robertson Room following the concert.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal, Friendship Hall

6:15 p.m.

Worship Service with Communion & Sunday Scripture, McCune Chapel

6:45 p.m.

Run/Walk Group, MSU Campus
&
Free Yoga Class, Robertson Room

Childcare Available: Infants - 3rd Grade.

SUNDAY RECYCLING PROGRAM



NEXT DROP-OFF: PLASTIC #1-7 (THIRD SUNDAY)

The Peoples Church Recycling Program is a volunteer service to the members of our faith community. Items can be dropped off near our sign in the Northwest Entrance. Please be sure to only drop off items at this location on the Sundays that they are to be collected. It is difficult for us to store all of the items we recycle. Also, clean and rinse the items you bring in. Soiled items will be discarded in the trash. Recycle many other items each day at our Recycling Center across from the Church Office.

FIRST SUNDAY: SMALL BATTERIES

SECOND SUNDAY: POLYSTYRENE FOAM

THIRD SUNDAY: PLASTIC #1-7

FOURTH SUNDAY: GREEN GLASS