



Are you envious because I am generous?

+ MATTHEW 20:15+

ORDER OF WORSHIP | SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

Prelude "This Is My Father's World" arr. Shepard

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Call to Worship

Leader: Open our eyes, O God:
People: that we may behold wondrous things in your creation.

Leader: Open our ears, O God:
People: that we may hear what you will speak to those who turn to you.

Leader: Open our minds, O God:
People: that we may understand what it means to revere you and to learn of your ways.

Leader: Open our hearts, O God:
People: that we may grasp the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden in Christ.

Leader: Open our mouths, O God:
People: that we may proclaim the mystery of the gospel and speak of it boldly.

Gathering Hymn "O Day of Rest and Gladness" **No. 393**
(Please stand if able.)

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 NIGHT LIVE!

Returns Sept. 16



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PEOPLES CHURCH

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Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

First Reading

Psalm 111: 7-10

(Pew Bible Page 607, Large Print Page 893)

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 (9:30 a.m.)

"Every Season"

Amy Voorhees-Hall, piano and vocal

Nichole Nordeman

Second Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

(Pew Bible Page 987, Large Print Page 1,501)

Sermon

"Justice in the Margins"

Betsy Aho



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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

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arr. Hartnell

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

God of all peoples and God of all places, we present these offerings, that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them we offer our varied talents, that each of us may be a part of your answer to the cries of the world. 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.)

“Bring Many Names”

No. 760

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.)

“How Firm a Foundation”

Early American Melody

Today's Floral Dedication

To the Glory of God.



MAKE YOUR GIFT ONLINE
ThePeoplesChurch.com/Give

TIME CHANGE: WE RETURN TO 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ON SEPT. 13.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! HAS CONCLUDED ITS SUMMER SEASON AND RETURNS SEPT. 16.

CONNECT | GROW | SERVE | SHARE

DINNERS FOR EIGHT

We will once again host our Dinners for Eight program. Sign up as singles or couples and enjoy four dinners throughout the upcoming year with other members of our faith community. Each participant will be responsible for planning or hosting one dinner. Meet new people from our congregation and enjoy catching up with old friends. Contact Cheryl Leece at 517-410-1313 or leece@msu.edu to register before October 1.

MISSION TRIP: VILLA EL SALVADOR, PERU

Pastor Drew will lead a mission trip Jan. 22-30 to serve along side our friends at *Los Martincitos*. Space is limited. He will host an informational meeting following worship on Sept. 20. Questions? Contact Pastor Drew.

ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR NEEDED | DANCE 149

We are in search of an assistant instructor for our Wednesday Night Live! children's dance program this fall. Contact Meaghan at 517-908-4447 or mgonzales@thepeopleschurch.com

DORCAS CIRCLE | SEPT. 15

The Dorcas Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will meet at 7 p.m. in the Robertson Room for "India Sojourn with Cultural Connections/ Women Weaving Worlds" presented by Margie Steinkamp. Questions? Contact Phyllis Gauden at 517-482-0930.

PHOEBE CIRCLE | SEPT. 23

The Phoebe Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will gather at 10 a.m. at Pat Brogan's home in East Lansing. Questions? Contact Renate Carey at 517-324-0262.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Phoebe Circle of the Women of Peoples will once again sponsor Operation Christmas Child with shoe-box gifts this year. Shoe boxes will be available at the church beginning Sept. 13 and include instructions about how to fill it to support local children and the Samaritan's Purse international effort. Questions? Call 517-337-1446.

SEPTEMBER DATES SET FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS | SEPT. 21-22

Production of the The Peoples Church 2015 pictorial directory continues this fall. All members and friends are invited to have a family photo taken to be included as part of this celebration of our faith community. For those who were unable to have their portrait taken this spring, Lifetouch photographers will return to take photos September 21-22. You can make an appointment online at **ThePeoplesChurch.com** or

stop by the sign-up table in Friendship Hall following Sundays worship. There are no sitting fees and each family will receive a free 8x10 portrait (as well as a directory when it is published this fall). For questions or to make an appointment by phone, contact Phyllis Grummon at 517-332-5073.

