



CLOUD OF WITNESSES

SUMMER PREACHING SERIES 2016

MAY 29 - AUGUST 28

ORDER OF WORSHIP | MAY 29, 2016

Prelude

"Preamble"

Louis Vierne

Jonathan VanKuren, guest organist

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Drew Filkins

Call to Worship

Leader: We come to hear the story of God's faithfulness to past generations.

People: We look to the future as well as the past.

Leader: The God who was with our ancestors is with us as well.

**People: Therefore, we can go forward in hope.
Whatever else fails, God remains faithful.
Nothing can separate us from the love of God.
Praise be to God!**

Gathering Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

No. 36

Prayer of Affirmation and Confession

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles' rules our faith and life in Christ through scripture, engages us through the word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m. - Dinner
6:15 p.m. - Worship
Begins June 8



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First Reading

Galatians 5:22-26
(Pew Bible Page 1,171; Large Print 1,773)

Celebration of Holy 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.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 11:39-12:2
(Pew Bible Page 1,212; Large Print 1,833)

Sermon

“Such a Great Cloud of Witnesses”

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 and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

Martin/ Gabriel

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

Generous God, we give you humble thanks for your goodness. 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 Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

Give us such an awareness of your mercies that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by walking before you in righteousness all our days. May these gifts be multiplied to bring glory to you, Lord our God. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"For All the Saints"

No. 326

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

Variation on Go Now In Peace

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."

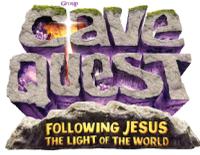
- Hebrews 12:1-2

Today's Floral Offering

In praise and thanksgiving to God for all who we remember on this Memorial Day weekend.

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED

Our annual summer Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, June 13 to 17 at Woldumar Nature Center. We are in need of donations for some of our crafts and activities: toilet paper and paper towel tubes, magazines, colored Duct Tape, glue sticks and Elmer's Glue. It isn't too late to register. Scholarships are available. Questions? Contact Rob at rkeith@thepeopleschurch.com.



COLLECTION FOR REFUGEES | JUNE 5 & 12

The Community Engagement Committee has sponsored quarterly donations for local refugees through our partnership with St. Vincent Catholic Charities Refugee Services. Next month, we will collect twin-size bed sheets (new or gently used and clean) on June 5 and 12. Look for collection baskets in the Northwest Entrance.

SARAH'S LIBRARY

Andrew Witkus is honoring the memory of his sister by creating "Sarah's Library." Book donations may be left on the porch at 5700 Wood Valley Dr. in Haslett. He will sort the donations and deliver them to nursing homes, child care facilities, schools and hospitals.

EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Garden with our neighbors in Edgewood Village. We gather from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday through the summer. Questions? Contact Gary Beaudoin at garybeaudoin@me.com.

THANK YOU

The Fishbach Library Committee and Women of Peoples Church wish to thank all the volunteers who helped them host their Used Books and Jewelry sales during the East Lansing Art Festival.

PEOPLES 101 | JUNE 5

Do you want to know more about The Peoples Church? Join us for our next informal Peoples 101 Q&A session following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on June 5. All are welcome.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! JUNE 8 - AUGUST 24

5:30 p.m. - Community Meal, Friendship Hall
6:15 p.m. - Worship Service, McCune Chapel

I WANT TO HELP GARDEN AT EDGEWOOD VILLAGE THIS SUMMER

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