



When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

- John 19:26-27

ORDER OF WORSHIP | June 19, 2016

Prelude "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Betsy Aho

Call to Worship Judy Kabodian

Leader: God of goodness and mercy, of gentleness and kindness, of righteousness and faithfulness:

People: be the light of our salvation and sustainer our lives.

Leader: We offer to you the daily tasks that consume us,

People: for we accomplish nothing without your grace.

Leader: We submit to your will, that we should love you with our everything

People: and love our neighbors, and even our enemies, as ourselves.

Leader: Renew us and transform us by your steadfast love

People: into the people of God. Amen.

Opening Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 14

Prayer of Affirmation

God of all nations and all people, we praise you. In Christ, the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet we confess our slowness to open our hearts to people whom we still consider to be the "other." Deliver us from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. Allow us to pray freely and mourn deeply for those who are the victims of fear and prejudice and for their loved ones. Empower us by your Spirit to do something to move our world toward reconciliation and peace and away from suspicion and violence. Amen.

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



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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First Reading

Proverbs 15:1-4
(Pew Bible Page 647; Large Print 954)

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.

Solo

"Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"
Leah Brzyski, soprano

arr. Mark Hayes

Second Reading

John 19:16-27
(Pew Bible Page 1,086; Large Print 1,649)

Sermon

"Gentleness in Such a Time as This"

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

"Brother James' Air"

arr. Searle Wright

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

As a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care. As we contribute to the needs of your people, we do so with the hope that your grace and mercy might be known the world over. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

No. 378

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

"Immortal, Invisible"

arr. Don Wyrzten

Last Sunday's Floral Offering

Given by Dee Toth in honor of her first granddaughter, Cameron Powell's, graduation.

Today's Floral Offering

*Given by Loretta Johnston "in memory of her good sweet dog, Silko,
who crossed over the Rainbow Bridge one year ago today."*

JOHN THE EVANGELIST, THE BELOVED DISCIPLE

The phrase “the disciple whom Jesus loved” or, “the Beloved Disciple” is used six times in John’s Gospel but in no other New Testament accounts of Jesus. John 21:24 claims to be the testimony of this disciple. Since the end of the first century, the Beloved Disciple has been commonly identified as St. John the Evangelist.



GENTLENESS

(Greek: *prautes*, Latin: *modestia*)

The Greek word *prautes* also can be translated as “meekness.” St. Paul pairs gentleness with meekness and lowliness in 2 Corinthians, calling to mind Christian humility. In 1 Thessalonians, the apostle writes “we were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children,” illustrating humble compassion and care toward others’ weaknesses and limitations.

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UNDIE SUNDAYS | BEGINS TODAY

The Community Engagement Ministry will again sponsor summer-time “Undie Sundays,” collecting new socks, underwear and undershirts for local K-12 children. Donations can be placed in the red basket at the Welcome Center June 19 - Aug. 14.

EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Garden with our neighbors in Edgewood Village. We gather from 6 to 8 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday each month. Questions? Contact Gary Beaudoin at garybeaudoin@me.com.

PRESCHOOL NEEDS SUBS & ASSISTANTS

Peoples Church Preschool summer enrollment is at capacity and we are in need of seasonal teaching assistants and substitutes. Interested? Contact the Preschool Office at 517-332-2885.

PERSONAL NEEDS BANK

The Personal Needs Bank collects bar soap, deodorant, dish soap, tissues, paper towels, baby wipes, disposable diapers, feminine products, disposable razors and shaving cream. Donation baskets are located in the Sanctuary and at Welcome Center.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m. - Community Meal, Friendship Hall

6:15 p.m. - Worship Service, McCune Chapel

I WANT TO GARDEN AT EDGEWOOD

Name: _____

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Contact Gary at garybeaudoin@me.com.



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