



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!"

- Luke 1:41-42

ORDER OF WORSHIP | JUNE 26, 2016

Prelude "Oh, Joyous Day" Leon Boëllmann

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Drew Filkins

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 100) Jim Kost

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness!
Come into God's presence with singing!**

Leader: Know this! The Lord is God.

People: **Know this! We belong to the Lord who made us.
Know this! We are God's people,
and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: So, enter God's gates with thanksgiving,

People: **Come into the holy courts with praise.
Give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good;

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever,
God's faithfulness is for all generations.**

Opening Hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 475

Prayer of Confession and Affirmation

You know better than we do, amused God, what important people we believe we are. Believing we have to be serious all the time, we miss out on the joy of your creation. Choosing to feast on the pain of the world, we skip the picnic offered in paradise. Clinging to the despair, we ignore Jesus, who can bring us home to your heart.

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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.

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



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Forgive us, O heart of joy, and make us open to the startling, and upside-down ways in which you work. Fill us with Elizabeth's joy; fill us with your healing laughter; fill us with the love poured into us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

First Reading

Psalm 100
(Pew Bible Page 597; Large Print 877)

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 (10:30 a.m.)

"Come to the Water"
Joshua Barton

arr. John Foley

Second Reading

Luke 1:39-56
(Pew Bible Page 1,025; Large Print 1,558)

Sermon

"A Joyful Song of Hope"

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.

Celebration of Baptism (10:30 a.m.)

Melle Elizabeth Tassarò Tans
Born August 27, 2015
Daughter of Margaret Tassarò & Eric Tans

We believe the teachings of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and with the help of God, we will strive daily to live the life of purity, unselfishness and service which he exemplified to the world.

Baptismal Hymn (10:30 a.m.)

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

No. 623

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

arr. Hal Hopson

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 (Based on Luke 1:46-50)

**Our souls magnify you, our Lord!
Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!
The mighty one has done great things for us!
Use these gifts and us to do great things for you!
Holy is your name!
Let us worship God, who is our maker and our redeemer; Amen.**

Closing Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

No. 611

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

"The Old Hundredth"

Johann Pachelbel

Today's Floral Offering

Given by Randy Wirth in loving memory of his precious wife, Peggy.

ELIZABETH and her husband Zechariah were “righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless,” but childless. Zechariah was visited by the angel Gabriel and told his wife would bear a son (John the Baptist). The angel also informed Mary that her relative was with child, prompting their Visitation as recorded in Luke’s Gospel.



JOY (Greek: *chara*, Latin: *gaudium*) Happiness is often fleeting, a feeling based on moods and circumstances. Joy is more than happiness. It is rooted in the Holy Spirit, a state of mind based in the hope and promises of God. Joy proceeds from the theological virtue of charity. George Campbell Morgan wrote that “Joy is love’s consciousness.” In St. Augustine’s *Discourse on the Psalms*, he says, “We are an Easter people and our song is ‘Alleluia!’”

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FLOWER DELIVERY COORDINATORS NEEDED

Special thanks go to Shirley Noetzeld and Irene Seahawk for the many years they have coordinated the delivery of Sanctuary Flowers to our church friends who are homebound and/or living in retirement communities. Many church members have given the flowers in honor or in memory of someone dear to them. These lovely fresh bouquets have in turn brightened the lives of those who have received them. Would you like to be a co-coordinator of this church service? Call Pat Brogan at 517-337-1446.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy visiting with friends before or after worship each Sunday. As many Sunday mornings as possible, a few fellow worshippers who love it just like you, volunteer to bake, set up, and serve coffee, juice and treats in Friendship Hall. There is no ‘coffee serving committee’, rather individuals moved to occasionally step in and share in the joy of ensuring this wonderful fellowship time continues. Consider taking a shift to serve. It’s fun and it’s not hard to do; training is provided! Contact Jane Ledebuhr at jledebuhr@yahoo.com.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS | JULY 13 & 17

Are you interested in becoming a member of The Peoples Church? New Members Classes will be offered at 6:30 p.m. on July 13 during *Wednesday Night Live!* and following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on July 17. Contact to the Church Office to RSVP. Childcare available upon request.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

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

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



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