



“When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.”

- Matthew 1:24

ORDER OF WORSHIP | AUGUST 21, 2016

Prelude “Aria” Eugene Butler

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Call to Worship (Adapted from James 1:19) Rachel Ledebuhr

Leader: My friends, let us heed the guidance from James:

People: “Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.”

Leader: Let us worship God with hearts that patiently consider the Lord’s presence,

People: And may we be forever aware of God’s love.

Leader: Let us worship our Lord!

Opening Hymn “We All Are One in Mission” No. 733

Prayer for Wisdom

Leader: O God of wisdom, as our children are headed back to school and college to learn anew, help us pass on to them the wisdom that has been given to us from the generations before us.

People: Help our children as they learn their daily lessons. Help their teachers have the patience and knowledge to teach well. Help them as they learn life’s lessons of dealing with other people around them. Help us as we guide them through those lessons. We ask for your wisdom to discern your ways and path for our own lives. We ask for your wisdom that not only enlightens us but transforms us and guides us in our daily walk with you. 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



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

Children's Prayer for Rachel (10:30 a.m.)

Loving God, we thank you for making us a part of your family. Thank you for calling us when we are young, helping us when we grow, and sending us to serve when we are prepared. Please bless Rachel as she goes to Mozambique. Keep her safe and give her the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love she needs to help others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Commissioning of Rachel Ledebuhr as a Peace Corps Volunteer

Leader: Do we, the members and friends of The Peoples Church, confirm God's call to our sister, Rachel, to serve as a Peace Corps volunteer to Mozambique?

People: We do.

Leader: Will we support and encourage her in this ministry through our prayers of strength and comfort while she is away from East Lansing?

People: We will.

Leader: And do we promise to be her family of faith, now and always, as she continues to follow God's call in her life?

People: We do.

Passing the Peace of Christ *(Please stand if able.)*

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

*Children are dismissed to participate in Children's Chapel at this time. (10:30 a.m.)
You may pick up your child in the Robertson Room following the worship service.*

Solo

"Consecration"
Cheri Johnson, mezzo-soprano

John Ness Beck

First Reading

Matthew 1:18-25
(Pew Bible Page 966; Large Print 1,468)

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.

Second Reading

James 3:1-18
(Pew Bible Page 1,218; Large Print 1,842)

Sermon

"A Slow Sprint to the Finish"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville



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Sermon Response

"For the Life That You Have Given"

No. 717

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory

"Land of Rest"

Wilbur Held

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

O God, we ask that you sustain those who seek to alleviate the pain and suffering of this world. Give strength, courage, wisdom and knowledge to all volunteers and professionals who give of their time, talents, and resources for the betterment of others. Send your life-giving Spirit so that their ministries may bring healing and promote health. Through Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)"

No. 726

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

"Vivance"

Hermann Schroeder

Today's Floral Offering

*Given in celebration of the 64th wedding anniversary of Janet & David Ronk, Sr.,
who were married on Aug. 15, 1952 at The Peoples Church.*

THIS WEEK'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! (AUG. 24) WILL BE THE FINAL WNL! OF THE SUMMER. WNL! WILL RETURN FOR THE FALL ON SEPT. 14.

FLOOD RELIEF:

SPECIAL COLLECTION | AUG. 28 & SEPT. 4

The Community Engagement Ministry will sponsor a special collection Aug. 28 and Sept. 4 to support flood relief efforts in southeastern Louisiana. The collection will benefit the local relief efforts of Celebration Church, which ministers to nine communities across the greater New Orleans area. Community Engagement ministry members already have pledged \$1,500 to this effort. Please make checks payable to The Peoples Church and indication "Flood Relief" in the memo or give online at ThePeoplesChurch.com/GIVE and note "Flood Relief" in the memo. Learn more about Celebration Church at CelebrationChurch.org.



CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2017

Attention 8th & 9th Grade Families: Contact with Pastor Drew at dfilkins@thepeopleschurch.com if your student plans on participating in our Confirmation Class this year or if you have questions about it. An orientation meeting will be hosted at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 18 in the Centennial Room.

EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Garden with our neighbors in Edgewood Village. We gather from 6 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 24 and Sept. 28. Questions? Contact Gary at garybeaudoin@me.com.

MEET RACHEL LEDEBUHR

Rachel grew up at The Peoples Church, where she vividly remembers Sunday school, PCYG lock-ins, and running around with her brother in the stairwells when they were younger. She is currently enrolled at Michigan Technological University in a Peace Corps master's international program, with a focus in applied science education. At the end of this month, she will travel to Mozambique for 27 months to serve in the Peace Corps, teaching math at the secondary level. Rachel's desire to pursue the Peace Corps was sparked by several church mission trips, her love of teaching and the opportunity to earn a master's degree.



ABOUT MOZAMBIQUE

The Republic of Mozambique is a nation on the southeast coast of Africa, separated from the island nation of Madagascar by the Indian Ocean. Between the first and fifth centuries, Bantu-speaking peoples migrated from farther north and west. Swahili (and Arab) commercial ports existed along the coasts until the arrival of Europeans and colonization by Portugal in 1505. After over four centuries of Portuguese rule, Mozambique gained independence in 1975. The country descended into an intense and protracted civil war from 1977 to 1992. It is one of the poorest and most underdeveloped countries in the world, endowed with rich and extensive natural resources and an economy based largely on agriculture.



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