



*“So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel —because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.”*

*- Genesis 11:7-8*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

**Prelude**      “Let Us Break Bread Together”      arr. Emma Lou Diemer  
Ivette Herryman, guest pianist

**Welcome to The Peoples Church!**      Rev. Andrew Pomerville

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** Friends, this is the joyful feast of unity.  
Christ has gathered his people around the earth  
to commune at this table.

**People:** **Across political lines and economic lines,  
in places of powerfully protected affluence,  
and among the poorest of the poor,  
we share a meal, remembering and celebrating  
Jesus Christ, who proved salvation is possible.**

**Gathering Hymn**      “I Come with Joy”      No. 515

**Eucharist Prayer For Unity**      Rev. Drew Filkins

**Lord, as we gather around this meal with people in all times  
and places; bless us all. As we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
linking arms around the world, pour your grace upon us all.  
Bless us with your presence as we quietly and loudly pray to  
you. May we see your light, your love and you, in each other,  
our merciful Savior. Amen.**

**First Reading**      Genesis 11:1-9  
(Pew Bible Page 10; Large Print 15)

**Second Reading**      1 Corinthians 11:23-34  
(Pew Bible Page 1,151; Large Print 1,744)

### 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  
6:30 p.m. - Programs  
*\*Returns Sept. 14*



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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.**

### **Sermon**

"Invitation to Unity"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville



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

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

## **Celebration of Holy Communion**

### **Communion Hymns**

"Come to the Table of Grace"

**No. 507**

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

**No. 525**

"Eat this Bread"

**No. 527**

## **Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts**

### **Offertory**

"Jesus Is All The World To Me"

arr. Phillip Keveren

### **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 Thanksgiving**

### **Sending Hymn**

"Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"

**No. 506**

### **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***

***"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"***

arr. John Carter

## ***Today's Floral Offering***

***To the Glory of God.***

**KICKOFF SUNDAY & CHICKEN DINNER | SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**

# **LOOKING FORWARD**

**SERVING OUR CAMPUS OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR CONGREGATION**

**8:30 a.m. |** Worship Service, Chapel

**9:30 a.m. |** Carol Choir Rehearsal, Third Floor

*(Come to rehearsal and get a free gift. Carol Choir will sing during the 10:30 a.m. worship on Oct. 2.)*

**10:30 a.m. |** Worship Service, Sanctuary & Sunday School, Third Floor

*(Children will be dismissed for Sunday School during the worship service.)*

**11:30 a.m. |** Chicken Dinner Celebration, Snider Social Hall

*(Sign-ups and information about church involvement and activities.)*

### FLOOD RELIEF: SPECIAL COLLECTION | TODAY

The Community Engagement Ministry is sponsoring a special collection today 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](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com/GIVE) and note "Flood Relief" in the memo. Learn more about Celebration Church at [CelebrationChurch.org](http://CelebrationChurch.org).



### WE'RE HIRING: PEOPLES CHURCH PRESCHOOL

Peoples Church Preschool is in need of teaching assistants for Fall 2016. Interested? Contact the Preschool Office at 517-332-2885.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2017

Attention 8th & 9th Grade Families: Contact with Pastor Drew at [dfilkins@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto: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.

### PEOPLES FORUM: SEPT. 18

The Peoples Forum begins its fall season on Sept. 18 with Pastor Andrew as our special guest. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

### PCYG: YOUTH ADVISORS WANTED

Are you interested in helping members of the Peoples Church Youth Group grow in their faith? Youth Director Jacob Gates will host an informational meeting for potential Youth Advisors after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sept. 18. We'll meet in Friendship Hall and go down to the Youth Den. Questions? Contact Jacob at [jgates@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:jgates@thepeopleschurch.com)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

We are in need of a few Sunday School Teachers, particularly at the 4th/5th-grade level. If you are interested in serving our church in this way, contact Pastor Drew to learn more.

### WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP

#### 'DIGGING INTO THE SCRIPTURES': SEPT. 14

Men, do you want to know more about the Bible? Join us for a lively discussion with men who are excited about learning more about the Bible. Our discussion are led by the Rev. Dr. Frank McCauley, a retired Baptist minister and member of The Peoples Church. We meet at Noon each Wednesday in the Fischbach Library, beginning Sept. 14.

### PHOEBE CIRCLE | SEPT. 28

The Phoebe Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will gather at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 28 at the home of Sally McCoy, 926 Wildwood Dr. in East Lansing.

### EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Garden with our neighbors in Edgewood Village. We will gather again from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 28. Questions? Contact Gary at [garybeaudoin@me.com](mailto:garybeaudoin@me.com).



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**SAVE THE DATE: 'THE CUP OF LIFE'  
WPC FALL RETREAT IS OCT. 13**