



Then Hannah prayed and said:

*“My heart rejoices
in the Lord...” - 1 Samuel 2:1*

ORDER OF WORSHIP | JULY 10, 2016

Prelude “We Worship Thee, Almighty Lord” Flor Peeters

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 146) Jan Perron (10:30 a.m.)

Leader: Happy are those whose hope is in God,
maker of heaven and earth —

People: **for God’s faith endures forever!**

Leader: God executes justice for the oppressed
and gives food for the hungry.

People: **God sets the prisoners free
and opens the eyes of the blind.**

Leader: God lifts up those who are bowed down.

People: **God watches over the strangers
and upholds the orphan and the widow.**

Leader: People of God, sing praise
to the one who is your help —

People: **for God’s faith endures forever!**

Opening Hymn “Great is Thy Faithfulness” No. 39

Prayer of Confession and Affirmation

Liberating God, we worship you. We praise you for delivering your people of old from enslavement in Egypt by opening up a new and unexpected future before them. They experienced your grace and mercy in awesome and life-sustaining ways. You showed them your compassion for the weak and powerless of this world.

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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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We praise and adore you for opening up a new future for us when your love and compassion, your mercy and grace became flesh in Jesus Christ. He delivered us from the bondage of evil and sin through his death on the cross. The impossible once more became reality when love defeated evil once and for all. We pray that this time of worship will be a true offering of our wonder and praise that you should care for us so deeply and so faithfully. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Reading

Romans 3:21-26
(Pew Bible Page 1,129; Large Print 1,711)

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

Children's Moment (10:30 a.m.)

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

Theodore Charles Triplett
Born November 25, 2015
Son of Sarah and Nathan Triplett

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.

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

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

Solo

"It Is Well With My Soul"
Joe Kennedy, bass

arr. Craig Courtney

Second Reading

1 Samuel 2:1-10
(Pew Bible Page 380; Large Print 710)

Sermon

"Imitation is the Sincerest form of Flattery"

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.

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

arr. Dale Wood

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 Romans 12)

Holy God, your faithful love toward us never ends! We’ve gathered together in this place to offer you our worship and our thanksgiving; to declare to any who will listen that you are our God, and we are your people. May Your Spirit be at work among us as we worship, opening our eyes to the light of Your presence in this place. To You alone, faithful creator, redeemer, and sustainer, be all glory and honor, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“What a Friend We Have In Jesus”

No. 465

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

“Go Forth in Faith”

Franklin Ritter

INTERNATIONAL BOY SCOUTS SHOW | JULY 19

The Peoples Church historic Boy Scouts Troop 2 will host a troop from Taiwan from July 17 to 23 as Scouts from around the world prepare for the July 24-31 International Camporee in northern Michigan. Many troops will participate in an International Scout Show at the Lake Lansing Park bandshell at 6 p.m. on July 19. All are welcome. Bring a lawn chair.

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. 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? Consider taking a turn to serve. It's fun and it's not hard to do; training is provided! Contact Jane Ledebuhr at jledebuhr@yahoo.com or 517-256-2655.

UNDIE SUNDAYS | ALL SUMMER LONG

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 through 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.

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.



NOMINATIONS OPEN

The Nominations Committee is currently preparing a slate for this fall's Council of Elders, Church Treasurer, Nominations Committee and Denominational Representative elections. If you know someone you think would fulfill the qualifications or if you yourself are interested in serving in one of these capacities, please submit names to the nominating committee. Contact Cheryl Leece at leece@msu.edu.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

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

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



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