



Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you."  
- Genesis 45:4-5

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | JULY 31, 2016

**Prelude** "Processional in E Flat Major" David Johnson

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

### Call to Worship

Leader: Here, God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters.

**People: Here, the worriers and wanderers  
can call on God by name.**

Leader: Here, we can remember all the ways God has graced us.

**People: Here, we are reminded that God is with us.**

Leader: Here are gathered those daring enough  
to step out of comfort into the unknown.

**People: Here, we find the courage to cry out,  
to our loving Lord.**

**Opening Hymn** "Come! Live in the Light!" No. 749

### Prayer for Affirmation and Confession

Loving God, like Joseph, we do not always understand why things happen the way they do; why our plans and dreams fail, and we find ourselves facing challenges and disappointments. Yet, like Joseph, we also believe that you are at work in our lives, and that You have a larger plan and purpose for each one of us.

Give us faith to trust in you no matter what challenges we face. Give us courage to place our dreams and ambitions in your hands, and then follow where you lead without hesitation, confident that your loving presence goes with us. 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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**First Reading**

2 Peter 1:3-8  
(Pew Bible Page 1,225; Large Print 1,852)

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

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

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

Rev. Drew Filkins

Jerahmi Jordan Graft & Nathaniel Thomas Graft  
*Sons of Jill & Kurt Graft*

**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.**

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

**Solo**

"I Need Thee Every Hour"  
Aaron Petrovich, bass

arr. Craig Courtney

**Second Reading**

Genesis 45:4-15  
(Pew Bible Page 48; Large Print 70)

**Sermon**

"Humility & Mercy"

Joe Kennedy

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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***

"How Firm a Foundation"

arr. Lani Smith

### ***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***

**Leader:** God, you've given each one of us unique gifts and abilities and have called us to unique settings — our homes, schools, neighborhoods and places of employment.

**People:** **Just as you used Joseph's abilities to fulfill your purposes in Egypt long ago, we pray that you would use us, too. Take our gifts, our time and our resources. Use them — and us — as you see fit so that, through us, your kingdom might come and your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.**

### ***Closing Hymn***

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

No. 307

### ***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***

"Toccata Festiva"

Franklin Ritter

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

*Given by Jann Angell for her mom, Daisy T. Angell.*

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** will be offered during the 10:30 a.m. worship service each Sunday through Labor Day.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2017

Attention 8th 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

### FLOWER DELIVERY COORDINATORS NEEDED

For many years we have delivered our Sanctuary Flowers to 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](mailto: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.

### PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP IS GOING TO CEDAR POINT | AUG. 25

The culmination of our summer is always the Cedar Point trip! We take a bus down to the park and spend Aug. 25 riding rides and having an amazing time. The \$50 cost includes your ticket and a wristband allowing you to get unlimited drinks. Scholarships are available for those who need assistance. Come, and invite a friend! One last reminder: be sure to bring money for food – at least \$30 is recommended. Contact Jacob Gates to learn more and reserve your spot.



### 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](mailto:leece@msu.edu).



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**5:30 p.m.** - Community Meal, Friendship Hall  
**6:15 p.m.** - Worship Service, McCune Chapel



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