



ORDER OF WORSHIP | MAY 28, 2017

Prelude

"Nearer, My God, To Thee" arr. Lee Evans
Dr. Ivette Herryman-Rodriguez, guest pianist

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Call to Worship (Inspired by Genesis 12)

Leader: We meet in the presence of God

People: And we do not meet alone.

Leader: With the angels in the highest heaven

People: We gather to worship the Lord.

Leader: With Abraham and Sarah

People: We gather to worship the Lord.

Leader: With the saints of every age

People: We gather to worship the Lord.

Leader: We embark on our own journey of faith

People: God's Holy name be praised.

Leader: God makes of us a great people

People: God's Holy name be praised.

Leader: Among neighbors and strangers, in churches near and far

People: God's Holy name be praised.

Leader: We journey in the presence of God.

People: And we do not journey alone.

Gathering Hymn

"In Christ There is No East or West"

No. 318

(Please stand if able.)

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

Begins June 7



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Prayer of Confession

Betsy Aho

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 12: 1-9
(Pew Bible Page 11; Large Print 16)

Solo

“Deep River”
Nick Kreider, baritone

arr. Moses Hogan

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.

Second Reading

Galatians 3: 1-9, 23-29
(Pew Bible Page 1,169; Large Print 1,770)

Sermon

“How’s That Working Out For You?”

Betsy Aho

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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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

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 mighty one, you have done and continue to do great things. Holy is your name!
Bless all we offer you – our selves, our time, and our possessions – that through us
your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus
Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“For All the Saints”

No. 326

Benediction

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

“Rock of Ages”

arr. Lee Evans

NEW EXHIBIT: ‘BUTTERFLY EXPRESSIONS’

The Fine Arts Committee invites you to view and enjoy a new exhibit, “Butterfly Expressions” in the Northwest hallway, office hallway and Thomsen Case across from the Fischbach Library. This exhibit features the creative talents of Patricia (Pat) Bursch of Howell. Pick up a catalog of the exhibit by the Northwest entrance to the church.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017 | JUNE 19-23 | WOLDUMAR NATURE CENTER
There is still time to register at ThePeoplesChurch.com

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GIFT CARD COLLECTION | JUNE 4 & 11

In the past, our Community Engagement Ministry has collected coats, blankets and other bedding, kitchen supplies, underwear and most recently gift cards. St. Vincent Catholic Charities Refugee Services reports that since our last collection there has been very little change in refugee settlement., they are now requesting that we repeat the gift card collection as our June activity. Therefore we will be collecting Meijer and Target gift cards in the Northwest entrance on June 4 and 11. As always all contributions are truly appreciated.

'UNDIE SUNDAYS' ARE COMING

Undie Sundays are coming! Each year our congregation collects underpants, undershirts and socks for school-age children (K-12). Items will be delivered to Judson Memorial Baptist Church for distribution to low income families through their clothes closet. We will collect every Sunday, starting June 18 and concluding August 6. Donations may be placed in the red "Kids Stuff" basket near the Welcome Center.

VISITATION TEAM

The Peoples Church Visitation Team visits church members who are confined to their own home or retirement community to help them feel a connection with their church family. Visitors make a contact with the church member at least once a month and keep our pastors informed about any situations that need their attention. This can be a very rewarding type of Christian ministry. If you would

like to join our Visitation Team or are confined and would like a visitor, contact Pat Brogan at 517-337-1446 or Gretchen Rosenbrook at 517-332-5132.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is preparing a slate for the 2017 Fall election. We encourage the congregation to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider suggestions. We are currently seeking nominations for the Council of Elders, Nominations Committee and Denominational Representatives. If you are personally interested or would like to suggest someone, submit names to the Nominating Committee at raference1@gmail.com or to the Church Office. Thank you for your prayers and assistance.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Thanks to our generous congregation, \$1,946 was collected for our recent "One Great Hour of Sharing". All four of our partner denominations will receive a share of these funds to continue their good work.

PEOPLES FORUM: SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

The Peoples Forum has concluded for the year. Thank you for your attendance. We begin again in mid-September, 2017 with a stimulating line-up of speakers. - *Mary West*

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