



God's overflowing grace is lavished on us. -Ephesians 1:7-8

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | JULY 16, 2017

### **Prelude**

"The King of Glory"  
Judy Kabodian, Organist

arr. Michael Burkhardt

### **Welcome to The Peoples Church!**

Rev. Betsy Aho

### **Call to Worship** (Inspired by Ephesians 1)

Leader: Lift up the gates of your soul, open the closed doors of your mind,

**People: that the King of Glory may come in!**

Leader: Who is this King of Glory?

**People: The God of countless hosts, this is the King of Glory!**

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**People: who, in Christ, has blessed us with every spiritual blessing that is available throughout the whole of time and space.**

### **Gathering Hymn**

"Loving Spirit"  
(Please stand if able.)

No. 293

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Why are we always willing to descend into the worst areas life offers to us, but reluctant to come into your presence, Holy One? Why can we stand on sin's shaky foundations, yet find it impossible to dance in your joy? Why are we so quick to trumpet our hollow achievements, and do not seem to be able to hear your whispers of hope for us? Forgive us, Grace's Glory, and fill us with your mercy. May we set our hope in Jesus Christ, who came so we might become your children, heirs of love, peace, and faithfulness forever. 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  
6:30 p.m. - Yoga



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**Congregational Response** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (verse 3)

**No. 475**

***O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.***

**First Reading**

John 14: 25-27  
(Pew Bible Page 1,081 Large Print 1,642)

Rev. Drew Filkins

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

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

*Children are invited to participate in "Deep Blue" Summer Sunday School at this time.  
You may pick up your child in the McCune Chapel following the worship service.*

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

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

**Solo**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"  
*Leah Brzyski, soprano*

arr. Nancy Grundahl

**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**

Ephesians 1: 1-14  
(Pew Bible Page 1,173; Large Print 1,775)

**Sermon**

"Congratulations! You've Been Selected"  
 @Connect2TPC #TPCsermon

Rev. Betsy Aho

**Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts**

**Offertory**

"Blessed Assurance"

arr. Patti Drennan

## ***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***

**God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace:  
We thank you for the gift of life; for the breath that sustains life, for the food of this earth that nurtures life, for the love of family and friends without which there would be no life. For these, and all blessings, we give you thanks, eternal, loving God, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

## ***Hymn***

**"Be Thou My Vision"  
*(Please stand if able.)***

**No. 450**

## ***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***

**"Toccatà in G Major"**

**William H. Pachelbel**

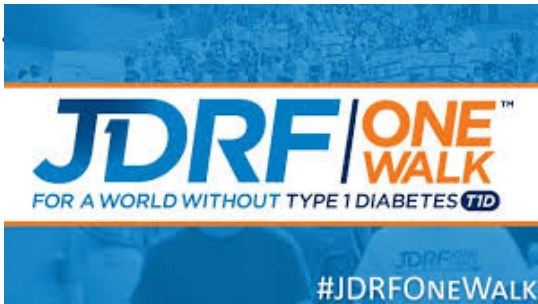
*Join Pastor Drew at 4:00 p.m. this evening for Vespers Service at Burcham Hills.*

*Pastor Andrew and family will be out of town and unavailable from July 11 - 28.*

***Today's Floral Offering  
Given to the glory of God.***

### **FAMILY FUN EVENT: ZAPZONE!**

Join the fun at Zap Zone in Lansing on August 26 from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 for 3 tickets and a pizza lunch! (Please let us know of dietary restrictions). Tickets may be used for Laser Tag, Glo Golf, Bumper Cars, Spin Zone, 16 arcade tokens or Springz (Springz has an additional cost of \$2.50 for socks and a waiver is required). Registration and payment are due by August 15, with checks made out to The Peoples Church and "family event" in memo line. Sign up through the church Facebook event or email Julie Bills, Children's Christian Education Director, at [jbills@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:jbills@thepeopleschurch.com). We hope you can join us!



### **JDRF: ONE WALK**

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation One Walk has one goal: to create a world without type 1 diabetes. The Peoples Church has been walking with JDRF for many years and we hope to again have strong participation! Our local JDRF One Walk takes place on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at The Rock at MSU (corner of Farm Lane and Auditorium). Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and the walks begins at 9:30 a.m. Choose the 1 mile or 3 mile route. To create, join, or donate to a team on-line, search "JDRF One Walk".

### **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION!**

We are thrilled to announce that Rev. Betsy Aho has accepted the call as Associate Pastor at The Peoples Church!

**Her service of Ordination and Installation will be Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.** at The Peoples Church with a reception to follow. The morning will be a joyful service of worship and a time for the congregation to celebrate all that God is doing here. Please plan to join us for this occasion!

### **NEW MEMBERS CLASS: TODAY!**

Have you thought about joining The Peoples Church? You are welcome to join us today at 11:30 a.m. in the Centennial Room on the lower level. Classes last about 90 minutes.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS: REGISTRATION**

If there is a student in your family entering 8th or 9th grade who has not yet participated in Confirmation Class, please contact Pastor Drew. He can answer your questions and get your student signed up for the class starting this fall. Reach Pastor Drew at 908-4448 or [dfilkins@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:dfilkins@thepeopleschurch.com).

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