



***"Be on your guard against all kinds of greed;  
life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."***

***Luke 12: 13-21***

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP | SEPTEMBER 3, 2017**

**Prelude** "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Jon Schmidt  
*Vicki Walker, guest pianist and soloist*

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

**First Reading** Psalm 51:15-17  
(Pew Bible Page 566; Large Print 824)

**Call to Worship** (Inspired by Psalm 51)

Leader: O God, have mercy on us, we pray.

**People: In your mercy, make us clean from our sins.**

Leader: Wipe away every failing and make us new in your sight.

**People: Restore us, deliver us, and re-create us, O Lord.**

**Gathering Hymn** "God is Here!" **No. 409**

**Prayer of Confession** Rev. Betsy Aho

We come before our God, who is full of compassion, to ask forgiveness and mercy.

When in our excesses we consume more than our share while others go with basic needs unmet:

**Forgive us, merciful God.**

When we are blinded by our affluence and fail to reach out in care and concern:

**Forgive us, merciful God.**

When we are overwhelmed by desires to acquire and consume more than we need:

**Forgive us, merciful God. 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!**

will return on  
**September 13**  
with new fall programs!



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**Congregational Response** "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!"

**No. 437**

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

Rev. Betsy Aho

*(All people, of all ages, and all backgrounds are welcome at the Lord's Table! We regularly celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion each week at the 8:30 a.m. service, as well as, the first Sunday of each month during the 10:30 a.m. service. Children are invited to participate in this celebration as their families feel led. There is no specific age a child should first take communion. That decision is left up to the family of each young person. This is a moment of mystery, faith, and community and is meant to be approached with wonder, grace, and hope. Take this time to speak with the young people who are with you and help them understand how you know, experience, and partake of this unique ordinance in the church.)*

**Communion Hymns**

"I Come with Joy"

**No. 515**

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

**No. 525**

**Passing the Peace of Christ** *(Children Dismissed to Sunday School)*

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

**Second Reading**

Luke 12:13-21

*(Pew Bible Page 1,043; Large Print 1,586)*

**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**

"The Myth of the Protestant Work Ethic"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

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**Hymn**

"For the Life That You Have Given"

**No. 717**

**Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts**

**Offertory**

"Psalm 23"

Gwyneth Walker

**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**

**We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. Teach us to measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we have given away. Let us give generously, in this offering, to bless your church, your people, your creation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

**No. 753**

**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**

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

arr. Mark Hayes

**Today's Floral Offering**  
*Given in the Glory of God.*

### HURRICANE HARVEY: SPECIAL COLLECTION

In the wake of the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey, a congregational collection will take place this Sunday, September 3 and next Sunday, September 10. Please use the special collection envelopes in the pews and write 'Hurricane Relief' on the envelope or in the memo line of your check; make checks payable to "The Peoples Church." These funds will be sent to one of our denominational disaster relief efforts. Thank you for your generosity and prayers for those affected.



### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: VOLUNTEERS

Coffee fellowship has been on a summer hiatus but as fall approaches, please consider taking a turn serving coffee. It is fun and easy, especially if you enlist a friend to help; training is provided. We would love to have volunteers beginning September 10. Contact Jane Ledebuhr at [jledebuhr@yahoo.com](mailto:jledebuhr@yahoo.com) or 517-256-2655. Or, sign up on [ThePeoplesChurch.com](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com) by going to CONNECT and clicking on Coffee Fellowship.

### WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP | SEPT. 13

Men, would you like to learn more about the Bible and about the origins of our Christian Faith? Join us for a lively discussion led by Rev. Dr. Frank McAuley, a retired Baptist Minister and a member of The Peoples Church. We meet at Noon each Wednesday in the Fischbach Library, beginning September 13. If you have questions or would like more information, please call Rod Reed at 517-290-3290.

### LAPTOPS FOR LEARNING

Beginning this fall, Children's Christian Ed. is beginning *Wednesday Night Live* by gaming our way through the Joseph story and Exodus using curriculum from *Sunday Software*. To make this possible, we are looking for 6-8 gently used laptops. They need to be Windows 7 or newer and capable of connecting to the Internet. If you are upgrading or have one lying around you could donate, please contact Julie Bills at [jbills@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:jbills@thepeopleschurch.com).

## KICKOFF SUNDAY & CHICKEN DINNER SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

- 8:30 a.m.** Worship Service, Chapel
- 10:30 a.m.** Worship Service, Sanctuary & Children's Sunday School, Third floor
- 11:30 a.m.** Chicken Dinner Celebration, Snider Social Hall



**ALL ARE WELCOME ON THE JOURNEY!**