



ORDER OF WORSHIP | JANUARY 19, 2020

Prelude "Call to the Faithful" Rex Koury
Judy Kabodian, organ

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Drew Filkins
Worship is both personal and communal, formal and informal, intimate and casual. Here at The Peoples Church, we recognize that people come to worship God in both joy and pain, faith and doubt, with laughter and with tears. Our worship tries to reflect a desire both for meditation and celebration. Please know you are invited to participate in any and all ways you feel led. Our songs, prayers, words and actions are the works of imperfect people trying to worship a perfect God.

Call to Worship Kailynn Guthaus, confirmation student
One: O God, you called us by name to come, and we respond with delight and gladness.
All: In joyful obedience, we come to worship our God.
One: Rising out of the depths of despair, we gratefully gather for worship.
All: In joyful hope, we come to worship our loving God.
One: God has given us a new song of praise to sing to our awesome God!
All: In joyful trust, we come to worship our God. Amen.

Gathering Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 39

Procession of the Light of Christ Abigail Schuette & Javier Robles, acolytes

Prayer of Confession
All: With our feet still wet from the waters of our baptism, we have sinned yet again. Ever dependent on the grace of God, let us affirm our brokenness and trust God's goodness to carry us through to a new day, with a new name, and a new song.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.
Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.
Carol Choir Rehearsal
Confirmation Class
PCYG Bible Exploration
Peoples Forum

10:30 a.m.
Worship Service, Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School

11:30 a.m.
Coppertones Rehearsal
Lunch & Lounge | Campus Ministry
Dance 149

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.
Community Meal

6:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal
Children's Education

6:30 p.m.
Adult Formation Classes
Peoples Church YouthGroup
Yoga Class

ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome ASL interpreters for our 10:30 a.m. worship service and for special events.



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One: God of our baptismal waters,

All: You sent the Baptist to point to your Son. But too often, we abandon his message and point only to ourselves. We point to our worship preferences rather than the God we worship. We point to our status rather than the grace that makes us all equal. We point to our values rather than the One who has always valued everyone. We point to our traditions rather than to the One who calls us to let go. We point to our past rather than to the One who calls us into the future. Forgive us, Lord, for pointing in all the wrong directions

One: God of our baptismal hope,

All: Forgive us when we do not wait patiently for your direction. Forgive us when we are too patient with our misdirection. Hold our gaze on your baptismal promise, sealed in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Through the power of your Spirit, give us the courage to speak what we have seen and point to the One who takes away the sins of the world. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silence and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response "Restore in Us, O God" (verse 1) No. 434
**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

First Reading Psalm 40:1-11
(Pew Bible Page 559; Large Print 811)

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.**

Anthem (10:30 a.m.) "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" arr. Jody Lindh
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that naught can move.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
(Pew Bible Page 1,142; Large Print 1,731)

Sermon "Calling or Called" Rev. Drew Filkins

Hymn of Response "How Great Thou Art" No. 625

Communion (8:30 a.m.)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Give

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

"O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go"
Will Johnson, tenor

arr. Craig Courtney

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 God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

No. 451

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

"Sinfonia"

Henry Purcell



Floral Dedication:

Given in memory of Celia Wycoff Marxer and Carol Turner, by Frank Marxer.

2020 EMPTY BOWLS CHILI COOK-OFF

The Empty Bowls Chili Cook-Off is back on **February 9** following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Snider Social Hall! Members of the Greater Lansing Potters Guild have generously donated some of their best hand-crafted bowls for sale with proceeds benefiting the hungry in the Greater Lansing Area. We need chili entries, volunteers, and of course bowl buyers and tasters! Prizes will be awarded for the top three vote-getters in two divisions: Youth and Adult (18+). To sign up to be a volunteer, go to The Peoples Church website (homepage), click on the Chili Cook-Off news event and sign up. Don't miss this fabulous event!



THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **January 26**, The Peoples Forum welcomes Matthew VanAcker, who will lead a lively discussion on Civil War flags. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

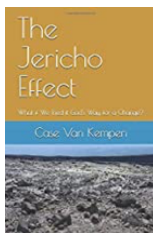
Join us each Wednesday night for a community meal at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall, followed by adult programming in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m.

REBEKAH/HANNAH CIRCLE

The Rebekah/Hannah Circle will meet at 12:30 p.m. on **January 22**, at Coral Gables Restaurant (2838 E. Grand River in East Lansing). Please join us for lunch and conversation. All are welcome.

THE JERICO EFFECT

The Women of Peoples Church is happy to welcome Rev. Case Van Kempen on **February 18** for a presentation on his new book, *The Jericho Effect: What if We Tried it God's Way for a Change?* Join us for light refreshments at 10:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



WPC JEWELRY SALE



The Women of Peoples Church are gearing up for their annual jewelry sale in May. As you clean out your closets this winter, please consider donating your jewelry, purses, scarves, housewares, antiques and more to the jewelry sale. Drop off your donations to the church office during business hours, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE

Join Pastor Drew for Monday Morning Bible at 11:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room as we continue to study John's Gospel. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting held at the end of the 10:30 a.m. worship service on **January 26** to vote on the 2020 budget.

SERMON PREVIEW BIBLE STUDY

Join Dr. Monroe on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room for a lively discussion and study of the scripture text for the up-coming sermon. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE: TPC CARNIVAL!

Come one, come all on **February 23** for our family fun event—The Peoples Church Carnival! Following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, join us downstairs in the Snider Social Hall for lots of carnival games, food, and FUN! Everyone is welcome and bring your friends!



KNITTING PEOPLE

The Knitting People will meet on **January 30** from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. All are welcome to join us and help to knit prayer shawls, baby blankets, slippers, hats and mittens for church members, friends, and local missions.

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.