

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MAY 19, 2019

Congratulations

class of
2019



Lily Callis

Trinity Kelly

Lochlyn Reed

Hannah Rick

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

PCYG Bible Exploration
Peoples Forum

10:30 a.m.



Worship Service, Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School

11:30 a.m.

Coppertones Rehearsal

6:10 p.m.

Youth Choir

6:30 p.m.

High School Youth Group

**WEDNESDAY
NIGHT LIVE!**

**Is on Summer
Break and will return
in September.**



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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

Jodi Cook, Chairperson
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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.

THE PORTAL

The *Portal* newsletter is the best source of information for the latest and most up-to-date news and events. It comes out at the beginning of each month and is included in the weekly Friday email. Or be sure to grab a hard copy located at the Welcome Desk or in the church office.

ASL Interpreted Service

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



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Prelude (8:30 a.m.) "O Word of God Incarnate" arr. David Hegarty
Judy Kabodian, organ

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "Carillon For A Joyous Day" Douglas Wagner
Coppertone Ringers, directed by Elizabeth Reed

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Betsy Aho

Processional (10:30 a.m.) "Joyful Bell Processional" Nancy Cappel

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 119)

Leader: Holy One, your word is a lamp for our feet, our guide through the dark, the wisdom and truth that we follow each day.

People: **Your word is sweeter than honey, yet sharper than the sword; it is healing and justice and ours to follow.**

Leader: Your word is our understanding of grace, peace and love.

People: **Your word guides our living and our worship, therefore we give thanks. Amen.**

Procession of the Light of Christ Bryce Pomerville and Piper Williams, acolytes

Gathering Hymn "O Word of God Incarnate" No. 459

Call to Confession Rev. Case Van Kempen

We come into the presence of God aware that there is brokenness in this world. We are foolish if we think we have not contributed in any way to the fractures, so we confess our participation, confident in the faith and love of God.

Prayer of Confession

All: **O God of shalom, we build fences and walls between ourselves and those we perceive as different. We come up with all kinds of reasons to build them, but the truth is, barriers fracture and divide your world. O God of the poor, we make decisions every day that benefit ourselves first and keep those in need at bay. We defend our decisions with all kinds of reasons, but we know that everyone would have enough if sharing were the way of the world. God of grace, forgive us for the ways we live in this world that contribute to brokenness. Help us understand that by your love and by the power of the Spirit, we can contribute to healing, and let us move ahead in the direction of healing and wholeness.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Christ is our peace. Christ redeems, unites, heals and forgives. This is reason to rejoice!

Congregational Response "Be Not Afraid" No. 243
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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First Reading Psalm 119:97-105
(Pew Bible Page 613; Large Print 904)

Communion (8:30 a.m.)

Recognition of High School Graduates (10:30 a.m.) Joe Kennedy
Lily Callis • Trinity Kelly • Lochlyn Reed • Hannah Rick

Children's Moment (10:30 a.m.) Rev. Drew Filkins and Ann Harvey

Passing the Peace of Christ
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Anthem (10:30 a.m.) "Go Into the World"
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Elizabeth Reed Natalie Sleeth

Second Reading Romans 1:1-17
(Pew Bible Page 1,126; Large Print 1,707)

Sermon "Pride & Prejudice" Rev. Betsy Aho
 [@Connect2TPC#TPCSermon](https://twitter.com/Connect2TPC#TPCSermon)

Hymn of Response "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" No. 265

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.

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

"Blessings"

Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

arr. Benjamin Harlan

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

Gracious God, we thank you for gifts that belong not to us alone, but to all of your children the world over. We give this offering as we strive to share your blessings so that others might know your grace and your peace. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Guide My Feet" (verses 1-4)

No. 741

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

"Recessional for a Joyful Day"

Dale Wood



Floral Dedication:

**Given in remembrance of six men who lost their lives in my platoon in May of 1968,
by Paul C. Babbitt.**

JEWELRY AND USED BOOK SALE

TODAY is the last day to shop at the annual jewelry and used book sale! Head downstairs to the Snider Social Hall after the 10:30 a.m. worship service and find yourself or a loved one a special piece of jewelry or a good book to read!

DORCAS CIRCLE

Dorcas Circle will meet on **May 21** at 6:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room for our annual potluck. Bring an item for the silent auction. For more information call Phyllis Gaulden at 517.482.0930.

HOUSE OF WORSHIP PROGRAM

Remember to take advantage of your **FREE** Consumer's Energy Home Energy Analysis and start saving money! Schedule an appointment and a Consumers Energy energy analyst will inspect your home and identify the best opportunities for you to save energy and money while improving comfort. As a bonus, The Peoples Church will also receive a monetary gift for the appointment you make!

Go to HomeAnalysis-ConsumersEnergy.com to schedule your **FREE** assessment today and use the promo code **PEOPLES19**. You can receive possible upgrades, which can save you up to \$150 a year—that may include insulating water pipes and installing free LED bulbs, shower heads, kitchen and bathroom faucet aerators and programmable thermostats (eligibility determined at the time of your Home Energy Analysis appointment). **All at no charge to you!** It's a win-win for you and The Peoples Church!

COLLECTION FOR REFUGEE SERVICES

This quarter the Community Engagement Committee will be collecting gift cards for Meijer and Target for the St. Vincent Refugee Services. Collection Sundays will be **June 2, 9 and 16** and should be given to the committee representative at the Northwest entrance. Cards may also be left in the church office. Contact Ruth Worthington at worthin2@msu.edu with any questions.



WNL! programming will be on break for the summer and return in September. Yoga class will still take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room each Wednesday evening throughout the summer months. Look for exciting all-church events in the monthly issues of the *Portal* newsletter or in the weekly worship bulletin.



PEOPLES FORUM



The Peoples Forum will be on break for the summer and will return in September with a brand new line-up of speakers.

REBEKAH-HANNAH AND PHOEBE CIRCLE LUNCHEON

The Rebekah-Hannah and Phoebe Circles invite you to a salad luncheon on **May 26** at 12:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room. We will hear the history of the salad luncheons (1965-1987) and share in memories and laughter. All women are invited to join us. Call 517.332.5132 to sign up.

VBS: TO MARS & BEYOND!

Registration for this year's Vacation Bible School is going on now! Go to ThePeoplesChurch.com to register!

UNDIE SUNDAYS COLLECTION

It's that time again! Undie Sundays will begin **June 16** and run through August 11. We collect under-shirts, underpants and socks for school aged children which are donated to the clothes closet at Judson Memorial Baptist Church. The RED collection baskets will be at the Welcome Center this summer for collection. Contact Ruth Worthington at worthin2@msu.edu with any questions.

HELP THE PEOPLES CHURCH EARN UP TO \$5,000!

Start saving money **TODAY** with the Consumer's Energy Home Energy Analysis Program and help The Peoples Church earn money, too!

Sign up for your FREE assessment at HomeAnalysis-ConsumersEnergy.com and use the code: PEOPLES19. Assessment is FREE of charge!

Receive a customizable report outlining possible upgrades, which can save you up to \$150 per year, that may include: insulating water pipes, installing free LED bulbs, shower heads, kitchen and bathroom faucet aerators and programmable thermostats.



JEWELRY & USED BOOK SALE MAY 18-19, 2019

HOURS:

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Presented by:
The Women of Peoples Church &
The Peoples Church Fishbach Library Committee



TO MARS & BEYOND!

JUNE 17 - 21, 2019
WOLDUMAR NATURE



Blast off with the first VBS to land on Mars! Kids discover the wonders of God's universe—they'll become voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them and they will blast off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way they'll also learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible and that God is always with them, too. It will be an out-of-this-world learning experience! Sign up online at ThePeoplesChurch.com! Email Ann Harvey, Children's CE Director, at: aharvey@thepeopleschurch.com, with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE!

3RD ANNUAL HENRY & ANNABEL LARZELERE MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES

Sunday, October 13, 2019 • The Peoples Church

Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe



Featuring Philip Gulley

A Quaker Pastor, Writer and Speaker

You're invited to read his book, *Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe*, in preparation for this event.

