

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JUNE 12th, 2022

GRADUATION SUNDAY



Sunday Schedule

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Livestreamed on YouTube

Sunday School is available after the Children's Moment
Nursery Care is available for Children Under 3

Wednesday Night Programming

Individually prepared meals can be picked up between 5:00 & 6:00 p.m. in the Northwest entrance of the building. For more details, check [The Peoples Church Facebook page](#).

ASL Interpreted Service

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

Sensory Tool Kit

A Sensory Tool kit is reserved for those individuals who get overstimulated during church services and need something to help calm the nervous system. The kit can be borrowed at the Welcome desk.

THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. Bev Mason, Chair
(elders@thepeopleschurch.com)

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.

JOIN US REMOTELY!

To join the online livestream of the worship service, click [here!](#)

To join the worship service via telephone, dial (844) 933-0517 and follow prompts.

MAKE A GIFT

ONLINE

[CLICK HERE!](#)

Order of Service | June 12th, 2022

Prelude

All Glory Be to God on High
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Johann Pachelbel

Please take this opportunity to fill out the black attendance pad found at the end of your pew.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship**

One: We are the work of God's creative spirit.
God delights in us and we rejoice!

All: **Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**

One: In Christ, we are called to endure and to hope.
Through Christ, we are made one family.

All: **We praise you, O Christ, and rejoice in your presence!**

One: We are the church through the work of the Holy Spirit.
Let us listen to what the Spirit says and do what God directs.

All: **We praise our Creator! We praise Christ! We praise the Spirit!**
Let us sing and rejoice for God is with us, now and always!

***Gathering Hymn**

Holy God, We Praise Your Name (v. 1-4)

no. 4

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you. All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you. Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign. Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!" All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow, and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you, while in essence only one; undivided God we claim you, and adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Text: Attr. Ignaz Franz, c. 1774

Music : Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch, c. 1774

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Prayer of Confession

O God of Wisdom, we proclaim a faith that our choices deny. We drink from the shallow waters of instant gratification when you offer deep springs of living water. We pursue our own fame which crumbles to dust when we see your love and sacrifice. O God, we confess that we have not put first things first. We have not lived up to our promise. Forgive our shallow faith and our selfish acts. Forgive us completely so we can stand in your presence. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

Spirit of the Living God

no. 288

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Children's Moment

Recognition of Graduates

See insert

Solo

The Woman on the Rocking Chair
Christopher Kaminski, piano

Christopher A. Kaminski

Scripture

Romans 5: 1-5

pg. 785

Sermon

"An Improbable Faith"

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I hear the clear, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

*Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? **Refrain.***

*What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. **Refrain.***

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? **Refrain.***

My Life Flows On
Text & Music: Robert Lowry
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Pastoral Prayer and 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

****Act of Praise***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****Prayer of Dedication***

God of grace, we are grateful that we have enough to share. Take these gifts and turn them into something that offers hope to the despairing, peace to the troubled, and food to the hungry. Help us to remember that we are your beloved children, called and equipped to serve. Amen.

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***Sending Hymn**

How Firm a Foundation (v. 1-3, 5)

no. 463

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

How Firm a Foundation

Text: John Rippons's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787

Music: American folk melody; Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832

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Postlude

Carillon for a Joyful Day
Judy Kabodian, Organist

George Frederick McKay



GRADUATION SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

There will be coffee and treats in the Social Hall today following the service to celebrate our graduates. Congratulations!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FATHER'S DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL: The Women of Peoples Church would like to invite the congregation to join them in celebrating the fabulous fathers in our church on Father's Day (June 19th) with an ice cream social after the service. We are also celebrating another year of VBS, so all kids and counselors are invited to join us as we dish out the best that MSU dairy store has to offer! Toppings will be provided.

UNDIE SUNDAYS: We would like to announce the return of Undie Sundays! Again this summer, Community Engagement will be sponsoring the collection of NEW underwear (preferably underpants and socks) for school age children grades K-12. Donations may be left in the Red Kids Stuff basket located at the Welcome Center. Collection dates begin June 19th and end August 14th, at which time the donations will be delivered to the Love Clothing Closet at Judson Memorial Baptist Church. Again, thank you all for a long history of enthusiastic response to this need.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: The American Red Cross is holding a Blood Drive at The Peoples Church on July 13th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org), select "Schedule an appointment" from the top menu, and use sponsor code "Peoples Church EL".



WEDNESDAY SUMMER SCHEDULE: Wednesday night meals will be paused for the month of August (Aug. 3-31) and resumed in the fall.

MORE PARKING AVAILABLE: Dave Ledebuhr owns Musselman Realty and has graciously opened his parking lot to TPC members and guests on Sunday mornings only. Musselman Realty is located at 322 Abbot Rd., next to City Hall. The lot has 16 spots surrounding the building on the north and south sides. Hurray for more parking!

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH



A.C.H.E.: A.C.H.E. (Adults Connecting Having Events), formerly known as EMERGE, is calling all the 20-30 somethings to have some fun this summer! Monday, June 13th we will meet at Ozone's Brewhouse in Old Town at 6:45 for beer and some board games (Meet at 6:30 at the church for a ride).

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday morning men's group is reading *Everyone's a Theologian: An Introduction to Systematic Theology* by R.C. Sproul. We continue to meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL: Dinner is available for pickup on Wednesday nights from 5-6 p.m. at the Northwest Entrance. Meals are free, but donations allow us to continue serving these high quality meals. All are welcome!

SERMON PREVIEW GROUP: The sermon preview group will meet Wednesday, June 15th at 9 a.m. to discuss the upcoming scripture. Join us on Zoom by clicking [here](#), or enter the Meeting ID into your Zoom app: 813 6414 0406.



BIBLE STUDY: 'Stories Your Mama Never Told You About' with Pastor Devon is held on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. from June 8-29. To join, click [here](#), or enter the Meeting ID into Zoom: 835 2390 4214.

CHiCs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST) WOMEN'S GROUP: We meet on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. both by zoom and in person. For more information about CHiCs or to join the group, contact Beth Lundy at lundybb@comcast.net or (610)246-0029.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: We will be worshipping at 9:30 a.m. from July 3rd to September 4th. This will provide some relief from parking congestion and prepare us (we hope!) to return to a schedule of two services (8:30/10:30) in the fall.

High School Graduates

Abigail Dooley ~ Granddaughter of Carol and Ron Dooley, graduated from Saline High School.

Caroline Dooley ~ Granddaughter of Carol and Ron Dooley, graduated from Walled Lake Northern High School.

Alexis Ann Dupree ~ Granddaughter of Barb and Jim Dunlap, graduated from Bath High School with High Honors, will attend Michigan State University.

Noel Dymond ~ Graduated from Grand Ledge High School.

Meg Fletcher ~ Granddaughter of Ken and Mary West, graduated from Marist High school in Atlanta, GA.

Kate Fletcher ~ Granddaughter of Ken and Mary West, graduated from Marist High school in Atlanta, GA.

Carter Kelly ~ Son of Jim and Susan Kelly, graduated from Okemos High School.

Ella Masoudi ~ Granddaughter of Jerry and Val Nilson, graduated from Denver East High School, will attend the University of California Santa Barbara.

Sarah Moreno ~ Granddaughter of Carolyn and Dale Schuster, daughter of Kristin Schuster and Michael Moreno, graduated from Haslett High School, will attend the University of Michigan.

Jillian Moreno ~ Granddaughter of Carolyn and Dale Schuster, daughter of Kristin Schuster and Michael Moreno, graduated from Haslett High School, will attend Michigan State University.

Siri Reed ~ Daughter of Jonathan Reed and Sandra Snow, graduated from Okemos High School, will attend Michigan State University.

Nora Grace Robles ~ Daughter of Grimaldo and Yvonne Robles, graduated from Haslett High School, will attend Saginaw Valley State University.

College Graduates

Benjamin Buttery ~ *Son of Amy and Rob Buttery, graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science in the Environment.*

Madison Leigh Ceceilia Coil ~ *Graduated from Michigan State University.*

Jack Dooley ~ *Grandson of Carol and Ron Dooley, graduated from the University of Michigan.*

Danielle Lewis ~ *Granddaughter of Sandy Draggoo, daughter of David and Kristi Lewis, graduated from Central Michigan University with a degree in Hospitality and Business Management.*

Christian Lundy ~ *Son of Beth and Jon Lundy, graduated from Hope College with a Bachelor of Science in Geology.*

Claire Lundy ~ *Daughter of Beth and Jon Lundy, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.*

Sarah Lundy ~ *Daughter of Beth and Jon Lundy, graduated from the University of Michigan with a Master of Science in Information with a concentration of digital archives, library science, and preservation.*

Renold Charles Mueller ~ *Son of Shawnthea Monroe and Neil Mueller, graduated from Michigan State University with degrees in Mathematics and Political Science. He will go on to get his PhD in Political Science at Princeton University.*

Alexis Nikoloff ~ *Granddaughter of Darlene Nikoloff, graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Kinesiology.*

Hannah Sherman ~ *Graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Hospitality Business.*

Rachel Cecile VanDeMark ~ *Daughter of James Bell, graduated from the University of Washington with a Doctorate in Nursing Practice.*