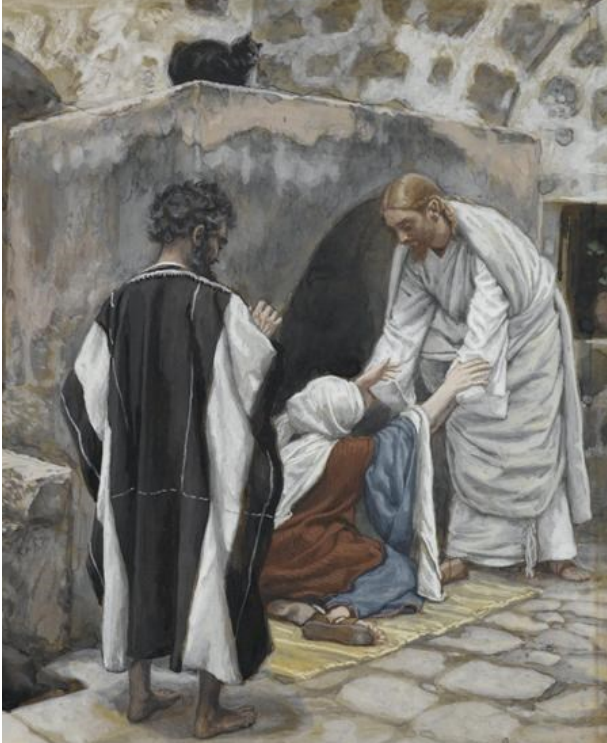


SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 21st, 2022



Sunday Schedule

Worship Service: 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Livestreamed on YouTube.

Sunday School begins after the Children's Moment.

Nursery Care is provided for Children Under 3.

A Nursing Room is available for those who need it. Ask an usher or the Welcome Desk for directions.

ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome ASL interpreters for our Sunday worship service and for special events.

Sensory Tool Kit

A Sensory Tool Kit is reserved for 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.



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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!](#)

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service via
telephone,
dial (844) 933-0517

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Prelude

Be Thou My Vision
Vicki Walker, piano

arr. Dan Chadburn

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: The God of Creation calls us to worship.
We gather in hope and expectation.

**All: Our God speaks for the voiceless.
Our God acts for the powerless.**

One: The God of Creation calls us to reflect.
We meditate on the Word and watch for the Spirit.

**All: Our God feeds the hungry.
Our God welcomes the stranger.**

One: The God of Creation calls us to act.
We follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

**All: We give glory and thanks to the Lord!
May all we say and do express our joyful faith!**

***Gathering Hymn**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty (v. 1-3)

no. 35

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, your will is that all your children should be one in Christ. We pray for the unity of your church. Forgive our pride and our lack of faith. Forgive our knee-jerk opinions and our hasty judgments. Deliver us from our narrow-mindedness, from our bitterness, and from our prejudices. Save us from normalizing attitudes and behaviors that are an offense to your love. Teach us to recognize the gifts of grace found in all who call upon your name and confess faith in Jesus Christ. Remind us of who we are meant to be, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

no. 469

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Solo

Beauty for Brokenness

Graham Kendrick

Melanie Walker, soprano

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair, Lord in your suffering world this is our prayer. Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace, sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase! Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills, work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills; land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak, voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak. God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion, we pray. Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain. Come, change our love from a spark to a flame. Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame until your justice burns brightly again; until the nations learn of your ways, seek your salvation and bring you their praise. God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion, we pray. Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain. Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We Are One in the Spirit
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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

O God, help us to resist the temptation to settle for a church that is merely viable. Enable us to be a church with vision and passion, a community of faith that cares for all your children. This is who we wish to be. May these gifts and your Spirit help bring it to life. Amen.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
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Benediction

Benediction Response*

no. 853

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo, we are marching in the light of God.

Postlude

Psalm 19

arr. John Carter

Vicki Walker, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE: Edgewood Village is in need of school supplies for the upcoming year. Edgewood Village Nonprofit's mission is to empower low-income households by providing access to affordable housing, educational opportunities, and community programming. Items accepted are backpacks, reusable lunch boxes, reusable water bottles, notebooks, binders, mechanical pencils, headphones, markers, colored pencils, folders, and calculators. Collection bins are located at the Welcome Desk, thank you for your help!

FALL KICK-OFF: Following worship on September 11th, The Peoples Church will be having a Ministry Fair and our Annual Chicken Dinner! The Ministry Fair will give the congregation an opportunity to get involved with committees and church groups that will start up in the fall. The Chicken Dinner officially launches our fall activities with a community feast!

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WOMEN'S RETREAT: Set aside some time to renew your spirit, renew your faith, and renew your connection with God. Join us for our fall retreat for women at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. The program starts with dinner on Friday night, September 23rd, and ends with a closing worship on Saturday evening, September 24th. The program will feature three sessions led by Anita Smith Buckwalter, prayer, worship, and unstructured time for crafts, writing, or whatever makes your heart sing. The cost is \$105 (double occupancy) or \$120 (single occupancy) and includes four meals and all accommodations. If you have questions, please contact Beth Lundy(blundy@thepeopleschurch.com). Space is limited, so sign up today. Scholarships are available upon request.

NEW ART EXHIBIT: The Fine Arts Committee invites you to view its latest exhibit – “Meditations,” which is newly installed in the halls surrounding the Sanctuary, the Thompsen Case and the Kiosk in the Rotunda. The new exhibit, which will be on display through September 8th, features the work of Ross Lucas, an Okemos based photographer. The exhibit features 34 pieces from his collection and includes images of Hawaiian landscapes, the Grand Canyon, Arizona flora and fauna, Midwestern waterscapes, and more.

A native of Evansville, Indiana, Ross has lived a wide-ranging life. He was educated and trained as a pastor and served congregations in four Indiana churches and two Kiowa Indian churches in Oklahoma. He also has worked as a pastoral counselor, transitional pastor, psychologist and consultant to churches around conflict issues. He is a published author whose articles have appeared in several professional journals. These skills and experiences, have combined to make him a photographer of note.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 1st from 6 to 8 p.m. we will celebrate the 115th anniversary of The Peoples Church! More details will come in September.

HAL LECTURE SERIES - JOHN PAVLOVITZ: We are pleased to invite you to the sixth annual Henry and Annabel Larzelere Lecture Series on October 22 and 23, welcoming best-selling author and pastor John Pavlovitz. John will preach at our Sunday morning worship service, and in the afternoon he will lead a lecture/discussion on Living a Life of Sustainable Compassion. In anticipation of this event, you may wish to read his latest book: ‘If God is Love, Don't Be a Jerk: Finding a Faith That Makes Us Better Humans’. John is also the author of ‘A Bigger Table, Hope and Other Superpowers’, and ‘Low’.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

A.C.H.E.: Adults Connecting Having Events will meet Monday, August 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at Woldumar Nature Center to go hiking. Meet at the Peoples Church at 6:15 p.m. if you need a ride. For more information about this young adult group, follow [ache_thepeopleschurch](#) on Instagram or Contact Pastor Devon at dherrell@thepeopleschurch.com.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday morning men's group has started a **new book:** *The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God* by Dallas Willard. Now is a great time to join the group! We continue to meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Led by Pastor Shawnthea, this group will meet Wednesdays on Zoom from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. The texts discussed will include passages for up-coming sermons along with other topics of interest. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81906921959>. Beginning Monday, September 12th, Engaging the Word will also be offered IN PERSON in the Robertson Room from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Please join us in-person on Mondays or via Zoom on Wednesdays! All are welcome!

MEN'S WEDNESDAY NOON DISCUSSION GROUP: We will reconvene on Wednesday, September 14th in the Robertson Room to begin our discussion of the book "Why I Would Have Killed Jesus and You Might Have Too" By David Nelson.

CHICs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST): CHICs will meet on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room, starting on September 8th. This fall we will read and discuss 'The Gifts of Imperfection: Let Go of Who You Think You're Supposed to Be and Embrace Who You Are' by Brené Brown. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Beth Lundy at lundybb@comcast.net or (610)246-0029 for more information.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: We will be worshipping at 9:30 a.m. until 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.