

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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

All regularly scheduled Sunday programs have been suspended until further notice.

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

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

A community meal is served for those who need one.

Meals can be picked up between 5:00—6:00 p.m. in the Northwest entrance of the building. For more details, check out [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.

## THE PEOPLES CHURCH STAFF

Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri., and Sunday mornings. Phones are monitored from 9:00 a.m. to 2: 00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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### COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. Kari Naghtin, 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,  
please dial  
**(844) 933-0517**  
and follow the prompts.

**MAKE A GIFT  
ONLINE**

**[CLICK HERE!](#)**

# Order of Service | September 19, 2021

## **Prelude**

Jig Fugue  
Judy Kabodian, Organ

Dietrich Buxtehude

*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 This is the day that God has made!

**All We will rejoice and be glad!**

One Our hearts are ready, O God.

Our hearts are ready to receive you.

**All We will sing and make melody!**

**We will turn towards you!**

One We will give thanks to you, O God, among the peoples.

We will sing praise to you among the nations!

**All For your steadfast love is great above the heavens  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds!**

One This is the day that God has made!

**All We will rejoice and be glad!**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

“Come, Great God of All the Ages” (v. 1-3)

no. 309

Come, great God of all the ages; make your earthly mission known; speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask; fit us for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.

Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, sure foundation, cornerstone; help us form the church eternal; may your vision be our own. Send a message to each follower; lead all people to your way; urge us to strong faith and action as we build the church today.

Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear your call; through the moving of your presence, let redeeming love recall ministry in dedication, love embodied in our deeds; challenge us to do your bidding, see your purpose, fill all needs.

Come, Great God of All the Ages  
Text: Mary Jackson Cathey (1987)  
Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor (1941)  
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## ***Prayer of Confession***

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

God of wonder, we have wandered far from you in this strange time. Our hearts have hardened and our faith has become threadbare. The trials and challenges of the world have proven more than we can handle and so we come to you, seeking refuge, comfort and forgiveness. Forgive us for obsessing over the news and ignoring your Word. Forgive us for pretending we can solve all problems ourselves and forgive us for acting as if we are powerless. We yearn for your presence and to be held by your love. Release us from our sins and set us on a new and right path. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## ***Moment of Silent Reflection***

## ***Assurance of Pardon***

## ***\*Congregational Response***

no. 437

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

## ***\*Passing the Peace of Christ***

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

## ***Children's Moment***

## ***Anthem***

"Standing on Holy Ground"

Judy and Marc Hafso

Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

***Refrain:*** We are standing on Holy Ground. We are standing on Holy Ground. God has called. We are journey bound! Standing on, standing on Holy Ground! In God's presence we gather together and given the challenge to grow. We open our hearts as we worship and work to find where God wants us to go. ***(Refrain)*** We remember Christ journeyed before us and we need not fear the unknown. God is our guide from beginning to end. Our journey is never alone. ***(Refrain)*** Holy spirit direct and unite us and fill us with worship and praise. That we may act upon God's call to service and joyfully live out our days. ***(Refrain)***

## ***Scripture***

Mark 9:30-37

## ***Sermon***

"Servants of All"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

## ***\*Hymn of Response***

"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound" (v. 1-4)

no. 766

The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone. Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.

True faith will open up the door and step into the street. True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.

True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied. True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.

***(hymn continued on next page)***

If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor's need, then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound  
Text: Adam M. L. Tice (2005)  
Music: African American spiritual; *Jubilee Songs* (1884)  
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## ***Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer***

Rev. Penny Swartz

**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***

[Give Now \(onrealm.org\)](http://onrealm.org)

## ***\*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***

We are grateful for this opportunity to praise you with our offering. Bless these gifts, this church, and the ministry to which you call us. May we love as Jesus loved and serve as Jesus served. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

## ***\*Sending Hymn***

"Arise, Your Light Is Come" (v. 1-4)

no. 744

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Arise, Your Light Is Come  
Text: Ruth Duck (1974)  
Music: William H. Walter (1894)  
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## ***\*Benediction***

## ***Benediction Response***

## ***Postlude***

Carillon

Gilbert M. Martin

***\*Please stand as able***

## WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

**SERMON PREVIEW GROUP:** meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the meeting [here](#). Meeting ID: 883 8071 4830. You can also dial 1 929 205 6099 and when prompted enter 883 8071 4830.

**TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP:** We are just beginning the book, *No Innocent Bystanders: Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice*, by Dr. Shannon Crego-Snell and Christopher J. Doucot. Co-author, Crego-Snell, will be speaking at Peoples on October 17 as part of the Henry and Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture Series. **Mission Statement:** As men of faith, we read the Bible and other books, listening for God's voice and direction for our lives. We also listen to each other, looking to support and challenge each other's walk of faith. As we endeavor to do so, we find ways to put God's word into action in our lives and in God's wider kingdom on earth. If you are interested in participating in this group, we meet each Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

**WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP:** Our group meets weekly on Wednesdays at noon in the Robertson room. We are presently discussing the book *The Tyranny of Merit* by Michael Sandel. Our discussion leader is Sandy Bryson.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY:** Join us at the campus ministry tables after church today during our kickoff dinner! This dinner will take the place of our Lunch and Lounge. We will also meet on Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. in the College Lounge. We'll provide dinner and the discussion topic (James 2)!

**PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP:** We are kicking off PCYG this month! Middle School PCYG is Wednesday nights, from 5:30-7:30. High School PCYG begins **today, September 19th** from 6:00—8:00! Please contact Elisha Smith if you have any questions or know a student who may be interested! [esmith@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:esmith@thepeopleschurch.com).

**GREAT DECISIONS:** Our next speaker, Dr. Amanda Flaim, is a political sociologist who studies human rights policy and development programs in mainland Southeast Asia. Dr. Flaim will present on **September 21st**, at 5 p.m. in the Robertson Room and over Zoom. The Town & Gown program will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Participants may either attend in the Robertson Room or join by Zoom. To learn more about our weekly speaker, and to preview upcoming speakers, look [here](#). We invite you to join us as we welcome Town & Gown to our church community! You can register to [attend via this link](#).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### USHERS NEEDED

We are currently seeking ushers to help with Sunday morning service and other events. If interested, please contact Paul Babbitt at [paulbabbitt47@gmail.com](mailto:paulbabbitt47@gmail.com), or 517-676-5909.

### WELCOME BACK CHOIR!

After a long hiatus, we welcome back the sanctuary choir **today!** We are blessed to have 4 talented section leaders: Melanie Walker, Soprano; Christine Roberts, Alto; Nick Kreider, Tenor; Ben Clements, Bass. The choir rehearses at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays to prepare the anthem for that day's worship service. We welcome anyone who would like to join!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY!

Children 3yrs to 5th grade, are invited to go upstairs with Kathi Mitchell after the Children's Moment. Currently we are combining classrooms due to lack of teachers! Please contact Kathi if you want to help serve your church community. Lessons, materials and supplies are all prepped in advance—we just need you! Child care in our nursery is available for children 2 and under, supervised by our professional preschool staff.

### SUNDAY PARKING

We would like to remind all members that on Sunday, all City of East Lansing parking lots are free of charge. However, the lot across Albert Ave. is reserved for **permit parking only and is not open for church parking!**

### WOMEN OF PEOPLES CHURCH

WPC will be having the Rebekah Hannah Circle fall gathering on **September 22**, at 1 p.m. in the Robertson Room.

### THE KNITTING PEOPLE

The Knitting People will meet on **September 23rd** at 1 p.m. in the Robertson Room to share completed projects, good fellowship, and new ideas. We will follow Church guidelines for being masked. Interested knitters and crocheters are always welcome!

### PEOPLES FORUM

The next installation of Peoples Forum will take place on **September 26th**, with "Packard Cars" by Professor Charles Blackman. Peoples Forum will be held from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Robertson Room before worship.

### NEW MEMBER CLASS

Have you thought about joining The Peoples Church or found yourself interested in learning more about this great community of faith? We invite you to our next New Members Class on **October 3rd** at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome! Please contact one of us to register for the class:

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or

Robin Matheson, 517-290-3223,  
[matheso4@msu.edu](mailto:matheso4@msu.edu).

### SCOUTS BSA

Troop 2 and Crew 2 provide an educational program for youth and young adults, ages 11-21 to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participatory citizenship, learn outdoor skills, and to develop personal fitness. We meet on Tuesday evenings in the social hall starting at 7:30 p.m. All church and CDC COVID-19 policies, including masking, are currently being followed.



# Kickoff Sunday!



*Kickoff Sunday is **TODAY!** Join us in celebrating the return of our regular programming and meet some new faces—including our new Associate Pastor, Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell. If you have RSVP'd, we look forward to seeing you at the chicken dinner celebration, which will follow our Sunday Worship Service. Please note our menu has changed! We will now be serving Chicken in white wine sauce, salad, green beans, rice, rolls with butter, and cookies.*

## Technology Update at Peoples Church

We are excited to announce that The Peoples Church has a brand new website! Our web address has stayed the same, [www.thepeopleschurch.com](http://www.thepeopleschurch.com), but now features a user friendly design.

Our website contains lots of great information, including details about upcoming events, services offered by the church, staff, Sunday bulletins and monthly Portals, as well as links to our virtual worship! We hope that in creating this new website, our congregation is better able to connect with us, each other, and the community. Please take a look and let us know what you think - feedback is always welcome and can be sent to [eprice@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:eprice@thepeopleschurch.com)!

A huge thank you to our resident Audio/Video Engineers, Ally Szeles and Chris Kaminski, for providing The Peoples Church with a beautiful and functioning website!

