

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## FEBRUARY 14, 2021



*"And he was transfigured  
before them..."*

Mark 9:2

### 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 LIVE!

WNL! programming will return when it is safe to do so. Updates will be provided as they happen.

A community meal is still served for those who need one. Meals can be picked up in the Northwest entrance of the building.

### 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

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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**, 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.



## !!NEW PHONE NUMBER!!

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

## MAKE A GIFT ONLINE!

[CLICK HERE!](#)

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## **Prelude**

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"  
*Judy Kabodian, organ*

arr. Robin Milford

## **Welcome to The Peoples Church!**

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

## **Call to Worship**

One: Where two or three are gathered for worship  
The Spirit of the Living God is present.

**All: We stand in God's presence,  
Therefore the ground beneath our feet is holy.**

One: O God, open our eyes and reveal your purpose to us!

**All: O God, open our eyes and reveal our purpose to us!**

One: In this time and in this place, we will worship God.

**All: With silence and singing, prayers and preaching,  
We celebrate and praise God's name!**

## **Gathering Hymn**

"Sing Glory to the Name of God" (verses 1 and 4)

*Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia! Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia! Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Sing Glory to the Name of God

Text: David Gambrell (2009)

Music: Geistliche Kirchengesang (1623.); alt. harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams (1906).

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## **Prayer of Confession**

**Loving God, forgive us when we linger too long in the places you have made holy. We are enthralled with the glory that flows from you and forget that we are called to share your light with the world. When we fail to listen to your voice, leading and guiding us, shake us awake and send us out to do your will. We rely on your mercy and pray for forgiveness, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **Moment of Silent Reflection**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Congregational Response** "We Are Forgiven"

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

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

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

### ***Children's Message***

#### ***Anthem***

"Alleluia"

Michael Haydn

#### ***A Reading from Scripture***      Mark 9:2-9

2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3 and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. 4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 6 He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" 8 Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

#### ***Sermon***

"The View from Above"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

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

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" (verses 1, 3 and 5)

*Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John, we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun. There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.*

*What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard? Once again the voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word, "Listen, listen, everyone: this is my beloved Son."*

*We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord, cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard; say with Peter, James, and John: "You are God's beloved Son!"*

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain  
Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda (1991)  
Music: Joachim Neander (1680); harm. The Chorale Book for England (1863)  
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#### ***Prayers of the People & 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***

#### ***Offertory***

[Click here to give your offering to our virtual Offertory Plate](#)

#### ***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 glory, bless these gifts and your people. May the money we offer to you become a source of hope and healing for others. Let our lives be transformed by your love and our hearts be full of your light. Amen.**

### ***Sending Hymn***

"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show" (verses 1 and 3)

*Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia! saints within God's courts below, Alleluia! angels round the throne above, Alleluia! all who see and share God's love. Alleluia!*

*Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia! in the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia! All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia! singing praise forever more, Alleluia!*

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

Text: Henry Francis Lyte (1834); rev. (1836)

Music: Robert Williams (1817); harm. David Evans (1927)

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### ***Benediction***

### ***Benediction Response***

### ***Postlude***

"Trumpet March"

Jean-Baptiste Lully

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### GREAT DECISIONS

On **February 25** at 4:30 p.m., Dr. Rebecca Malouin will be our speaker on "The Role of International Organizations in a Global Pandemic." Dr. Rebecca Malouin is the Director of the Master of Science in Global Health Program, the Director of Research for the Institute for Global Health and Associate Professor in Family and Community Medicine at Michigan State University.

All programs will be virtual, via Zoom, at 4:30 p.m. To join, [click here](#). The meeting ID is 914 0271 4182 and the passcode is WHO.

Interested participants can email [malarz@aol.com](mailto:malarz@aol.com) to be added to our mailing list or with any questions. The *Great Decisions Guide Book* is available as a digital edition on Amazon for \$22.99 if you are interested in learning more!

### THE READING PEOPLE

The Reading People will meet on **February 25**, via Zoom, at 1:30 p.m. They will be discussing *The Dutch House*, by Ann Patchett. To join the meeting and discussion, open Zoom and enter the meeting ID: 636 517 5503 and passcode: katiejeff

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is still going strong—virtually! Each week there is a video featuring a Bible story, lesson, discussion and craft. For more information or to sign up for the video links, email Kathi Mitchell at: [kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com).

### THE PEOPLES FORUM

The Peoples Forum offers monthly presentations from a dynamic lineup of guest speakers! The meetings will take place via Zoom, once per month, at 9:30 a.m. Mark your calendars for our upcoming forums:

**March 7:** Neil Mueller, Trumpeter

**April 11:** Marie Blair, Concert Pianist

[Join the Zoom meeting here](#); Meeting ID: 952 4386 8996 and passcode is TPCPF. Or, you can dial 1 301 715 8592 and enter the meeting ID: 952 4386 8996 and passcode TPCPF. Email questions to [Mary West](#).

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS! We are in the beginning stages of planning *Knights of North Castle* to visit Woldumar Nature Center **June 21-25, 2021**. Woldumar had a successful summer camp last year with no COVID cases, so we feel it is safe to plan for VBS this year. If your child is in K-5, you will receive a survey, so please keep an eye out for that in your email. Parental input is vital to help us gauge participation. Thank you!

## VIRTUAL GROUPS

Below are some of our currently offered Bible studies or fellowship groups that meet virtually, via Zoom.



**SERMON PREVIEW GROUP:** meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. To join, [click here](#); Meeting ID: 841 4703 4632. You can also dial 1.929.205.6099 and when prompted enter 841 4703 4632.

**TUESDAY MORNING MENS GROUP:** meets each Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. To join, [click here](#). The meeting ID is: 837 5361 0456; passcode is: TPC. You can also dial 1.301.715.8592 and when prompted enter the meeting code 837 5361 0456 and passcode 160971. They are reading *Life on the Vine: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit*, by Philip D. Kenneson.

**WEDNESDAY NOON MENS GROUP:** meets each Wednesday at Noon. To join, [click here](#).

**WEDNESDAY PCYG MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP:** meets each Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. If interested in joining this group, email [Elisha Smith](#), PCYG Director.

**SUNDAY PCYG HIGH SCHOOL GROUP:** meets each Sunday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. If interested in joining this group, email [Elisha Smith](#), PCYG Director.

## VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP\*

Join us, virtually each Sunday, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service for fellowship. It's easy! Grab a cup of your favorite coffee and a sweet snack and log on to Zoom.

You can join the meeting by clicking on this link: [Join Zoom Meeting](#), or in your Zoom app enter Meeting ID: 885 9630 8098 and when asked for a password enter: TPC (please note, this is a new meeting link ID and passcode).

Don't have access to internet? No problem! You can still join us from ANY phone! Dial by your location; see below:

- +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C)
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Enter the Meeting ID: 885 9630 8098 and password 680020

\* Please note: For those who are with us in person for worship, there will not be a fellowship until further notice. Virtual fellowship will continue for those at home.







# **ASH WEDNESDAY**

## **February 17**

**Join us for our VIRTUAL Ash Wednesday service available online, Wednesday, February 17 any time after 9:00 a.m.**

**To join the service go to The Peoples Church of East Lansing YouTube page or click the link on [ThePeoplesChurch.com](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com) homepage.**

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# **WALK & TALK WEDNESDAYS**

**Each Wednesday  
February 24 - March 31**

**You're invited to come to the church, walk the labyrinth in the Snider Social Hall, and have a conversation with Rev. Penny Swartz. The point is to experience a "mini-pilgrimage" by following an intentional, guided walk toward a centering point where you might experience God and God's word for you. During the upcoming season of Lent in these continuing unprecedented times of Covid-19, walking this sacred path may be exactly what your soul and spirit need.**

**Walking the church's labyrinth will be by appointment only in order to follow the CDC Covid guidelines. Walks and subsequent conversation will be offered on Wednesdays in 90 minute blocks of time, on a first-come, first-served basis.**

**Email [pswartz@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:pswartz@thepeopleschurch.com) or call 517-648-8987 to schedule a time to walk and talk.**