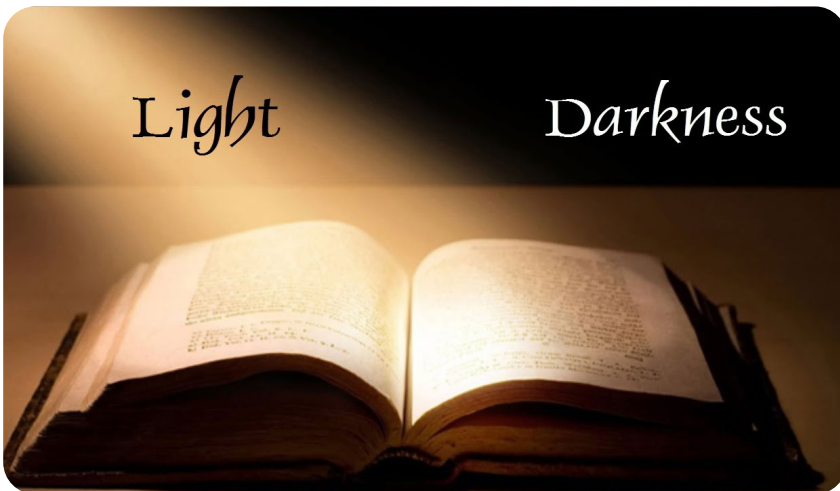


FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 22, 2020

Light

Darkness



"I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

Psalm 23:4



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

Worship Services have changed to:

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Suspended

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service, via Live Stream

SUSPENDED

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

All regularly scheduled *WNL!* programs have been suspended until further notice.

A community meal will still be 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 STAFF

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

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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.



During this time of social distancing, The Peoples Church Staff are still here for you!

While we may not be physically in the office, we are still available via email or phone for any questions or concerns you may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out to one of us!

MAKE A GIFT ONLINE!

[CLICK HERE!](#)

ORDER OF WORSHIP | MARCH 22, 2020

Prelude

"Psalm 23"
Judy Kabodia, organ

Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Worship is both personal and communal, formal and informal, intimate and casual. Here at The Peoples Church, we recognize that people come to worship God in both joy and pain, faith and doubt, with laughter and with tears. Our worship tries to reflect a desire both for meditation and celebration. Please know you are invited to participate in any and all ways you feel led. Our songs, prayers, words and actions are the works of imperfect people trying to worship a perfect God.

Call to Worship

One: This is a time of worship. Come into God's holy presence in a spirit of reverence and awe.

All: The ground on which we stand is holy, for all God's creation is sacred.

One: Know the presence and power of the Living God,
the One who gave you form and calls you by name.

**All: God has come to us in Jesus Christ.
In Christ, we are made whole!**

One: In Christ, we are united even when we are separated.
In Christ, we have a Shepherd who will never abandon us.

All: This is a time of worship. Near and far, we are in the presence of the Living God.

Gathering Hymn

"Our Help Is in the Name of God"

No. 330

Procession of the Light of Christ

Prayer of Confession

One: Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

All: May Christ give us the light, that we may awaken to his truth.

One: Walk as children of light as you pursue what is good, right and true.

All: May Christ give us the light, that we may awaken to his truth.

One: Take no part in the works of darkness but try to learn what is pleasing to God.

All: May Christ give us the light, that we may awaken to his truth.

Moment of Silence and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" (verse 4)

No. 444

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.**

First Reading

Psalm 23

(Pew Bible Page 548; Large Print 792)

Passing the Peace of Christ *(Please stand if able)*

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

Solo

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

arr. Dale Wood

Will Johnson, tenor

Children's Moment

Second Reading

Luke 15:1-10

(Pew Bible Page 1,047; Large Print 1,591)

Sermon

"A Light in Dark Places"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

No. 803

Communion

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.

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; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

We dedicate every gift to you, gracious God. The world is groaning with need, but we will not be overwhelmed for you are our light and our salvation. Guide our service, give us courage, and fill our hearts with love. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"God of Our Life"

No. 686

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

"Psalm 33"

Emma Lou Diemer

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

All church activities are suspended until further notice. We are currently working on ways to interact virtually with you during this time of separation. Please be patient with us as we work to move Bible study groups and other fellowship groups online.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE IS GOING ONLINE!

Join us this Monday at 11:00 a.m., via Zoom, to continue our study of John's Gospel. This week we will be studying John 16.

To join the meeting, [click here](#). Or, on your Zoom app enter meeting ID: 369 714 134. You can also dial 1-312-626-6799 and when prompted enter 369714134#.

CONFIRMATION CLASS IS GOING ONLINE!

Confirmation class will now be held online, Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m., until further notice. Pastor Drew will be sending out more information to students on how to access the virtual class.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kathi, our Children's CE Director, has been missing your children at Sunday School! She doesn't want them to miss their Bible lessons, especially leading up to Easter, so she has prepared Sunday School To Go Packets! They are by the Welcome Desk at the NW Entrance. Please feel free to stop by Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. to pick one up for each of your children. They will be labeled per classroom. Curriculum will also be available online; parents should receive an email with info. If you have questions, or did not receive an email, please contact Kathi at kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com.

Family FUN Night

MARCH 28

Plan to join us for our next Family Fun Night on March 28th at 7:00 p.m. We'll have board games, music, and a special presentation about Den. There will be prizes for all participants. Bring your family and friends!

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CANCELED



FOOD BASKETS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help families in the greater Lansing area have a wonderful meal on Easter Sunday. Volunteer drivers are needed to help deliver Easter Food Baskets on **Saturday, April 11 at 9:00 a.m.** We will meet at Great Giant Supermarket on MLK. Interested? Sign up on the form below.

YES! I WANT TO HELP DELIVER EASTER FOOD BASKETS ON APRIL 11 AT 9:00 a.m.

[Click here to send your Name, Phone, and Email information to our coordinator and she will be in touch.](#)