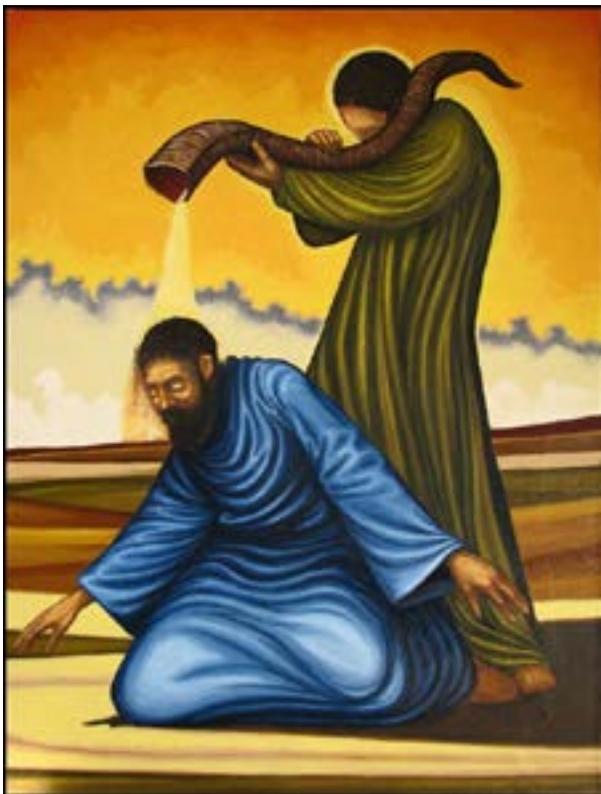


SUNDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 11, 2021



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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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.

THE PEOPLES CHURCH STAFF

Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Sunday mornings.

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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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PHONE NUMBER

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

MAKE A GIFT ONLINE!

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Prelude

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"
Judy Kabodian, organ

Wilbur Held

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Call to Worship

One: Life has been revealed to us in the Easter season.
Gather once more to testify to life.

**All: We declare to each other what we have experienced.
In community we find the life God intends.**

One: Early believers were of one heart and soul.
We, too, are called to find common ground in Christ.

**All: How very good and pleasant it is
When kindred live together in unity.**

One: Peace be with you as we celebrate the resurrection.
Christ is with us to renew our faith.

**All: We are here to testify to God's grace.
We will share our story and ourselves.**

Gathering Hymn

"Good Christians, All, Rejoice and Sing!" (verses 1, 3 and 4)

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king! To all the world good news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die, And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Good Christians, All, Rejoice and Sing!
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Music: Melchior Vulpius (1609)
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Prayer of Confession

We have taken the name of Christian, but few of us are known primarily by that name. We have experienced Easter radiance, but we seldom reflect the light of our risen Savior. We have heard the message of salvation, but it grows cold on our lips and is of little influence on our lives. Sometimes we delude ourselves that, because we are basically good people, there is no sin in us. We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Sin is separation from you, and we have allowed great chasms and built high walls to keep you out of our lives. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response "Christ is Risen!"

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
all creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

A Reading from Scripture Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! 2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Homily

"When God Loves the World"

Rev. Penny Swartz

Children's Easter Pageant "The Easter Pageant at Mr. Pigg's Barbecue Emporium"

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; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

We offer to you our common stewardship, loving God. We want to be faithful in meeting one another's needs and in serving the world in Christ's name. The gifts we bring today will not mark an end to our giving. We sense that you are sending us, as Jesus was sent, to share light with the world. Thus, we dedicate our time and effort as a further offering. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"In Christ There is No East or West" (verses 1-3)

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close-binding human kind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, what e'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

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Music: Alexander Robert Reinagle (1836)
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Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

arr. John Leavitt



Floral Dedication:

Given in loving memory of Dale A. Schuster, by his wife Carolyn and family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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:

May 2: Sean Holland, One Love Global

June 6: Dick Peffley, GM and CEO of Lansing Board of Water and Light

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

Please note: The Zoom presentation of the Forum can now be viewed in-person, in the Robertson Room, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary will follow immediately afterward.



THE PEOPLES ALL-CHURCH TALENT SHOW APRIL 25!

Welcome Ministry is putting together a Virtual All-Church Talent Show on Sunday, April 25 after worship! Do you have a talent you'd like to share? [Email Diane Shafer](mailto:dmschafer2001@gmail.com) (dmschafer2001@gmail.com) with your name and your talent by Sunday, April 11. Then, make a recording of you and your talent on a phone, tablet or computer (HORIZONTALLY) and email it to teamaudio@thepeople-schurch.com. Acts are limited to 5 minutes. This event will be assembled ahead of time and premier on The Peoples Church youtube page. At least 10 acts are needed for this event and the event is limited to one hour.

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: 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, they meet 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:

- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C)
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

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.



GREAT DECISIONS

On April 22, Dr. Matt Zierler will speak on Brexit and the European Union. Professor Zierler's research and teaching interests are in foreign policy, international security, international relations theory, international law, and international cooperation. He is the associate dean of the MSU Honors College.

The presentation begins at 4:30 p.m. on Zoom; to join [click here](#). Or, enter the Meeting ID: 945 1939 0238 and Passcode: 965570 in your Zoom app. You can also dial, 1-312-626-6799 and enter the same meeting ID and passcode when prompted. Email malarz@aol.com to be added to the mailing list or with any questions.

Brexit: Taking stock and looking ahead: With the "Brexit transition period" coming to an end this year, the United Kingdom will formally leave the European Union at the start of 2021. With negotiations between the two entities continuing to stall, what does the future of Europe and the UK look like? Will the UK survive a possible Scottish vote to leave? Who will step up and take command of Europe now that Angela Merkel is out of the spotlight?

