

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2020



Matthew 21:9

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.



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome ASL interpreters for our 10:30 a.m. worship service and for special events.



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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 | April 5, 2020

Prelude

"Hosanna"
Judy Kabodian, organ

John Stanley

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: Come one, come all and join the happy throng!
Jesus is coming! Shout Hosanna!

**All: We will sing and dance with shouts of joy!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

One: Lay down your sorrows and worries.
Set aside all that keeps you from God.

**All: We will turn our eyes toward God's chosen One!
Let us shout and sing Hosanna!**

Gathering Hymn

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

No. 196

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.*

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.*

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.*

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!*

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; trans. John Mason Neale (1851)
Music: Melchior Teschner (1614); arr. William Henry Monk (1851)
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Prayer of Confession

God of steadfast love, you know us too well. You know how we love to serve you in the sunshine of success and popularity. You know how we shrink away when you ask us to walk through the storms of sacrifice and suffering. Like the crowds in Jerusalem, we deny and desert you at the first sign of trouble. Forgive our unfaithfulness, and teach us how to walk with you in steady obedience. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

First Reading Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
(Pew Bible Page 609; Large Print 898)

Children's Moment

Solo "Ride On King Jesus" arr. Hall Johnson
Joe Kennedy, bass-baritone

Second Reading Matthew 21:1-11
(Pew Bible Page 988; Large Print 1,503)

Sermon "The Long and Winding Road" Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" No. 216

*Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within in weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noon-tide heat, and the burden of the day.*

*Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess: the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.*

*I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Text: Elizabeth Cecilia Douglas Clephane. (1868); Music: Frederick Charles Maker (1868)
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Communion

Communion Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" No. 525

*Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees); let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees).
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me (on me).*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees); let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees).
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me (on me).*

*Let us praise God together on our knees (on our knees); let us praise God together on our knees (on our knees).
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me (on me).*

Let Us Break Bread Together
Text: African American Spiritual
Music: African American Spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen (1988)
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Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, O God, for your steadfast love endures forever. We give praise to you, living Christ, who showed us how to love and serve. We promise to love one another just as we have felt the love of Christ in this sacred meal. May all we say and do bring glory to your name! Amen.

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

Loving god, we place our offerings in these plates, we place our faith in you, we place our confidence in the Spirit's power, and we place our hope in the life-giving work of Christ's church. Accept our gifts and our gratitude. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

No. 197

*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillard court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.*

*From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.*

*"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.*

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Text: Jennette Threlfall (1873)
Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle (1784)
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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

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

arr. Janet Linker

All in-person church activities are suspended until further notice. We continue to work 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SERMON PREVIEW GROUP

The Wednesday morning Sermon Preview Group is now meeting via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. each Wednesday. For more information on how to join Dr. Monroe for the Sermon Preview Group, please call Dr. Monroe at 517-896-0407 or email smonroe@thepeopleschurch.com.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE

Join us each Monday at 11:00 a.m., via Zoom, to continue our study of John's Gospel.

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#.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Parents! Don't forget your children can still receive their Sunday school Bible lessons! Kathi, our Children's CE Director, has prepared ***Sunday School To Go Packets!*** You can pick them up at the Welcome Desk at the NW Entrance. 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.

EASTER LILY DEDICATION

If you would like to make a \$20 Easter Lily dedication, please email office@thepeopleschurch.com with your dedication no later than **Thursday, April 9.**

TUESDAY MORNING MENS GROUP IS NOW ONLINE!

Tuesday Morning Men's group will meet again on April 7 at 8:00 a.m. They are currently reading *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman. Next week they will be on chapter 1. Join them following the instructions below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/963085991>; Meeting ID: 963 085 991

Or, on ANY phone dial 1-646-558-8656 and when prompted for a meeting code enter 963-085-991.

HOLY WEEK 2020



PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 5

10:30 a.m. - Live Stream



MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 9

6:30 p.m. - CANCELED



GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 10

12:00 p.m. - Live Stream (Service of Tenebrae: The Extinguishing of Light)



EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 12

10:30 a.m. - Live Stream (with Brass)

Because you give, we can:

- Support the Preschool staff and Church staff by continuing their pay during the closure
- Continue to provide prepackaged meals on Wednesday nights
- Provide meals and food to the community
- Host blood drives for the Red Cross
- Continue our support for Edgewood Community Center
- Provide Easter Baskets to those in need through gift cards to Giant Grocery
- Continue to support our missionaries around the world
- Livestream Sunday services to hear God's word through our Pastors, Judy and our soloists. We are reaching an even wider audience!
- Use ZOOM to hold Lent groups, Confirmation Class, Bible studies, PCYG meetings, and other ministry meetings



Thank you for your continued support! [Click here to GIVE today!](#)