

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## MAY 23, 2021



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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 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 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. Kari Naghtin, Chair ([elders@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto: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.



### PHONE NUMBER

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 | May 23

### Pentecost

**Prelude** “Come, Holy Ghost, Our Lord and God” Dietrich Buxtehude  
Judy Kabodian, organ

**Welcome** Penny Swartz

#### Call to Worship

One: O wind that sways no branches,

**All: Fire that does not burn,  
Unimaginable light that does not blind,**

One: Fountain of life that has no end,  
Infinite river of joy,

**All: Flawless mirror of God’s power,  
Kind laughing agent of God’s mirth,**

One: Gentle consolation of God’s mercy,

**All: O Holy Spirit of God, abide with your people;  
Come to us now...**

**Gathering Hymn** “On Pentecost They Gathered” (verses 1,2,4) No. 289

*On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day, a band of Christ’s disciples, to worship, sing, and pray. A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air, and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.*

*The people all around them were startled and amazed to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised. What universal message, what great good news was here? That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.*

*O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago, rekindle faith among us in all life’s ebb and flow. O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise, so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.*

#### Prayer of Confession

**Generous God, you give us the gift of your Spirit, but we confess that we have not known how to use it. You send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusion. You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts. Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love: send us out into the world rejoicing in your power. We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin, and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love. Amen.**

#### Moment of Silent Reflection

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### Congregational Response

**By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.**

#### Passing the Peace of Christ

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

#### Children’s Moment

**Anthem** “Hymn to the Holy Spirit” arr. Craig Courtney

*Thou, O Christ, who came to kindle, now ignite us with thy fire; while the earth resists thy burning, with thy passion us inspire. Overcome our sinful calmness, make us know our share of blame. Baptize with thy fiery Spirit, crown our lives with tongues of flame! Thou who in thy holy purpose wills that we should truly live. Grant us grace to be thy servants, our tranquility forgive. Teach us courage as we struggle in all liberating strife. Shame the smallness of our vision by thine own abundant life. Thou who does a sword deliver rather than a placid peace. By thy sharpened word disturb us, from complacency, release! Save us from our satisfaction when we personally are free yet are undisturbed in spirit from our neighbor’s misery! Amen!*

#### Scripture

#### Acts 1:1-13

1When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” 12All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

#### Sermon

#### “Remember Esperanto?”

Rev. Penny Swartz

**Hymn of Response** “Open My Eyes, That I May See” (verses 1-3) No. 451

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine.*

*Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear. And while the wave notes fall on my ear everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine.*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere. Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine.*

**Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Give**

**Offertory** [Give Now \(onrealm.org\)](https://onrealm.org)

**Act of Praise**

**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Life-giving Spirit, bring to the bones of these gifts the flesh of our actions, and the breath of our caring, that our church and our service to others may come to life in your name. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit” (verses 1 & 2) No. 408

*There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

*There are blessings you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness and believe; you’re the one to profit when you say, “I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.” Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response**

**Postlude** “Oh, Joyous Day” Leon Boellmann

**Virtual Clubs**

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. 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 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 in-

**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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WPC ANNUAL JEWELRY SALE & USED BOOK SALE

Donations for the WPC jewelry sale and used book sale are now being accepted. Please drop off in the church office anytime Monday - Friday (9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.)

### LABYRINTH WALK

You are invited to walk the labyrinth located in Snider Social Hall on Sunday, June 6, from 9AM to 2PM. Please observe current Covid-19 protocols in effect at The Peoples Church.

### 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: 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.**



## Join Our Team

We are now hiring for the following positions:

Peoples Church Preschool is looking for a Full-Time, Co-Lead, Toddler Room **Teacher**. Applicants must have a degree in Early Childhood Education or equivalent. Please contact the preschool at: [djohnson@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:djohnson@thepeopleschurch.com) for more information.

Peoples Church is hiring two full-time (30 hours) support positions:

- *Finance Administrator* (requires a bookkeeping background)
- *Communications Coordinator* (requires expertise in Microsoft Suite)

Peoples Church is also seeking a part-time Custodian (Monday-Friday 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

Please contact : [personnel@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:personnel@thepeopleschurch.com) for more information.

