

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## MAY 30, 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 30

### Trinity Sunday

**Prelude** “Lord, When I Came into This Life” arr. Wilbur Held  
Judy Kabodian, organ

**Welcome** Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

#### Call to Worship

One Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

**All Your name is above every name, O God.  
We will worship you in the splendor of holiness.**

One The voice of the Lord is powerful:  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

**All May you give strength to your people, O God!  
May you bless your people with peace!**

One Enter into God’s house in a spirit of praise and thanksgiving!

**All We enter into God’s house and praise the Lord!**

**Gathering Hymn** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” (verses 1-3) No. 35

*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise ye the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been granted in what he ordaineth?*

*Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.*

#### Prayer of Confession

Creator God, we recognize we have failed to live up to our own possibilities. You made us to be in relationship with you, yet we turn away. Forgive us! Redeeming God, we know your mercy and love are immeasurable, yet we do not love or forgive others in the same way. Forgive us! Sustaining God, your powerful presence is always with us yet we act as though we are self-made and independent. Forgive us! God of all, we rely on your mercy and pray all this in Christ’s name. 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

**Solo** “Lord, Here Am I” arr. John Ness Beck  
Christine Roberts, Mezzo-Soprano

*Master, thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me, and I’ll find thy way. Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my labor, and where it shall be. Master, thou callest, and this I reply, “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.” Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross; willing to suffer reproaches and loss; willing to follow if thou wilt but lead; only support me with grace in my need. Master, thou callest, and this I reply, “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.” Living or dying, I still would be thine, yet I am mortal while thou art divine. Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; pity, and bring me again to the light. Master, thou callest, and this I reply, “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I. Here am I.”*

#### Scripture

#### Isaiah 6:1-8

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.’

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

**Sermon** “When the News is Hard to Bear” Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

**Hymn of Response** “Lord, When I Came into This Life” (verses 1,3,4) No. 691

*Lord, when I came into this life you called me by name; today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.*

*In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt, let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.*

*So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true: feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.*

### **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**

**God of wonders, we respond to your call with these gifts. Send us out into the world to bring healing to the wounded, hope to the despairing, and help to anyone in need. By our giving, may our lives be transformed. We do all this in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** “Go to the World!” (verses 1,3,4) No. 295

*Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life’s worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant church, you follow Christ’s own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry “Amen!” Alleluia. Alleluia.*

#### **Benediction**

**Postlude** “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices” arr. Paul Manz

## 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. 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 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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WPC ANNUAL JEWELRY SALE & USED BOOK SALE

Donations for the WPC jewelry sale and used book sale are now being accepted through July 30. Please drop off in the church office anytime Monday - Friday (9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.) Sale will be Saturday August 7 from 9am-6pm and Sunday August 8 from 9am-2pm.

### 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.

### UNDIE SUNDAYS

UNDIE SUNDAYS are returning to Peoples Church starting Sunday June 13th and ending Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup>. Community Engagement will be collecting NEW underwear (tees, underpants and socks) for school age children. Look for the red basket labelled KIDS STUFF at the welcome center. All underwear will be delivered to Judson Memorial Baptist Church's Love Clothing Closet. Questions? Contact Ruth Worthington at [worthin2@msu.edu](mailto:worthin2@msu.edu).

### 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.**

### THE PEOPLES CHURCH SUMMER SOCIALS

It has been so long since we have been together. We would like to invite you to join us for several summer socials over the next few months. Come talk to Shawnthea and Neil, see some friends and Council members. Bring a lawn chair-drinks and light refreshments will be provided. Our first social will be in Beth and Jon Lundy's backyard, Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 3578 Cabaret Trail, Okemos. This will be a family friendly gathering from 5:30-7pm. RSVP to the Church at 517-332-5073. If there is rain the event will be cancelled.

## 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.

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

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

The 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.

