

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## MAY 9, 2021

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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

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### 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.

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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.



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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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## 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.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP | May 9, 2021

## **Prelude**

Prelude on "Rhosymedre"  
*Judy Kabodian, organ*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

## **Welcome to The Peoples Church!**

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

## **Call to Worship**

One: Come, let us worship Almighty God!

**All: Let us lift up our songs, our prayers, our praise!**

One: Come, let us honor Christ Jesus, our savior!

**All: Let us love Christ with our hearts, our minds, our spirits!**

One: Come, let us be filled with the Holy Spirit!

**All: Let the Spirit of the living God fill us with love, with hope, with faith!**

One: Come, let us worship the Lord!

## **Gathering Hymn**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (verses 1-3)

No. 366

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
Text: Charles Wesley (1747)  
Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard (1831)  
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## **Prayer of Confession**

**God of boundless love, we confess to you our unloving thoughts and deeds. We live by standards that we bend and break in our own favor, while ignoring the commandments you have given. We find it hard to love everyone, especially those we perceive to be enemies. Sometimes we withhold our love from our family and our friends. Many times it is hard to love ourselves, for we know too well the mistakes we have made and the sins we have committed. Free us, O God. Free us from the burdens of our sins. Free us to love as you have loved us. We pray in Jesus' 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**

#### **Anthem**

"Speak to One Another"

Allen Pote

*Speak to one another in psalms, hymns and songs of the spirit. Sing and make melody to the Lord with all your heart; and for everything give thanks. Speak to one another in hymns, speak to one another in psalms. Speak to one another in songs, speak to one another in love. For God is gracious and kind, full of compassion. Be filled with the Holy Spirit, and speak in love. And for everything give thanks to the Lord.*

*Beloved let us love one another, for love is of God, and they who love are born of God and know God. But they who do not love do not know God, for God is love, and God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that we might live in him. Speak in psalms, speak in songs, speak to one another in love, for God is love, full of compassion. Be filled with the Holy Spirit and speak in love, and for everything give thanks to the Lord.*

#### **A Reading from Scripture** John 15:9-17

9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

#### **Sermon**

"The Measure of Love"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

#### **Hymn of Response**

"Though I May Speak" (verses 1-3)

No. 693

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*

Though I May Speak

Text: Hal. H. Hopson (1972)

Music: English Folk Melody; adapt. Hal H. Hopson (1972)

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#### **Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Penny Swartz

**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**

**Holy God, we ask you to bless this offering and the work it will support. Let these gifts bring your Word to life in this church and in this community. May our giving, our living and our loving be acceptable in your sight. Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

"Help Us Accept Each Other" (verses 1-3)

No. 754

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become.*

*Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.*

Help Us Accept Each Other  
Text: Fred Kaan (1974)  
Music: Doreen Potter (1974)  
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### **Benediction**

### **Benediction Response**

### **Postlude**

"The Four Seasons: Spring"

Antonio Vivaldi

## 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 during open business hours, Monday - Friday.

### THE READING PEOPLE

The Reading People will meet on May 20, via Zoom, at 1:30 p.m. They will be discussing *For One More Day*, by Mitch Albom. To join the meeting and discussion, open Zoom and enter the meeting ID: 636 517 5503 and passcode: katiejeff

### 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.**

## 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 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

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# JOIN OUR TEAM



## Now Hiring!

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.