

# SUNDAY WORSHIP JUNE 21, 2020

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"As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring."

Genesis 21:13



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823  
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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

All regularly scheduled Sunday programs have been suspended until further notice.

Worship Services have changed to:

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.

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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 STAFF

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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 | June 21, 2020

## **Prelude**

"Morning Has Broken"  
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Paul Manz

## **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: Creator God, remake us in your image  
and fill us with your Love.

**All: Let all God's children join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!**

One: God of justice, break our addiction to privilege and position  
and fill us with your Compassion.

**All: Let all God's children join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!**

One: Almighty One, teach us the power of humility  
and fill us with your Spirit.

**All: Let all God's children rejoice and praise the Lord!**

## **Gathering Hymn**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (verses 1-3)

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began. Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife. Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee  
Text: Henry van Dyke (1907)  
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1824); adapt. Edward Hodges (1842)  
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## **Prayer of Lament**

**Why, O Lord, does it feel like evil gets its way? Why, O Lord, do your children suffer so? Why do we allow prejudice and hatred to parade about in public? Why do we struggle to share our resources with those in need? Why is there division, despair and disease? How long, O God, will we struggle to live and love like Jesus? We cry out to you, Father God, and plead for help. Forgive us. Transform us. Love us. We lift up this prayer in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

## ***Moment of Silence and Reflection***

### ***Assurance of Pardon***

***Congregational Response*** "There Is a Balm in Gilead" (refrain)  
**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

### ***Passing the Peace of Christ***

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

### ***Children's Moment***

**Solo** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" arr. Moses Hogan  
*Joe Kennedy, bass*

**A Reading from Scripture** Genesis 21:8-21  
([Link to Passage](#))

**Sermon** "The Father of Division" Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

**Hymn of Response** "O God of Every Nation" (verses 1 and 4)

*O God of every nation, of every race and land, redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand. Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.*

*Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, when hatred and division give way to love and peace, till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.*

O God of Every Nation  
Text: William W. Reid Jr. (1958)  
Music: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Moliant* (1872); harm. *The English Hymnal* (1906)  
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### ***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**

**Faithful God, you work in us and for us, even when we do not know it. In that spirit, bless this offering and all the ministry this money will support. May the light of our community shine brightly in this hour. Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (verses 1 and 3)

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

In Christ There Is No East or West  
Text: John Oxenham (1908)  
Music: Alexander Robert Reinagle (1836)  
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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**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

arr. Robert Graham



### **Floral Dedication:**

**Given in honor of Lary and Mary Hill whose love and devotion for each other, for over 65 years, has inspired so many; including their clan of 32 children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, who all love them very much! Happy 65th Anniversary!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Have you thought about joining The Peoples Church? Then join us for a New Members Class, via Zoom, at 11:30 a.m. on **June 28**. We plan to send the information packets in advance through the post office so please RSVP to Robin Matheson at [matheso4@msu.edu](mailto:matheso4@msu.edu) or by calling 517.290.3223. Also, if you need assistance with using Zoom, let us know. We hope you are able to join us and learn more about our amazing community of faith!

### VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP

Join us for a virtual Friendship Hall each Sunday, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Grab a cup of your favorite coffee and a sweet snack and log on to Zoom. You can join the meeting by clicking on the link below:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#), or in your Zoom app enter Meeting ID: 837 9739 7682 and when asked for a password enter: Peoples

Don't have access to internet? No problem! You can still join us from ANY phone! Dial 1-312-626-6799 and when prompted for a meeting ID enter 837 9739 7682# and the password is 50803#.

# Good News!

The Peoples Church is planning to expand our worship opportunities by opening the sanctuary on **Sunday, July 5!**

### Please note two IMPORTANT CHANGES:

- 1) TIME CHANGE - We will be offering worship at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with limited seating to accommodate social distancing.
- 2) We WILL NOT be celebrating communion on that Sunday. We will be publishing guidelines for worship and our plan for a "Safe Worship Service" next week. Look for that in an email, in your snail mail box and on the website!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

### WAYS TO GIVE

There are many ways to provide financial support for the ministry and mission of The Peoples Church. Please consider giving in one of the following ways:



1. You can make a contribution by mailing a check or cash to the church at this address: 200 W.Grand River Ave., East Lansing, MI 48823.
2. We are also able to accept stock gifts or funds from a tax deferred account for your Required Minimum Distribution.
3. If you prefer to use your smartphone, you can make a gift by sending a text to 73256 and including the word **Peoples** in the message line. You will be sent a link that will take you to our GIVE website. Just enter the amount and your account information. Be sure to tell us which fund you are donating to (most people give to the general fund).
4. If you have set up your REALM account with The Peoples Church, you can make a one-time gift or recurring gift by logging onto your REALM account and following the prompts on the screen.
5. If you have questions or need help, just call the church and speak directly to our Office Administrator, Dee Przybylski. She can set up a single gift or recurring gift using a credit, debit card or checking account information. She'll need the amount of the gift and how you would like the gift applied.

### VIRTUAL GROUPS

The following groups/Bible studies continue to meet via Zoom each week. If you have any questions or have trouble accessing one of the groups, please contact the church office.

**SERMON PREVIEW GROUP:** meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. To join, [click here](#); Meeting ID: 832 3099 0430. You can also dial 1.929.205.6099 and when prompted enter 832 3099 0430.

**MONDAY MORNING BIBLE:** meets each Monday at 11:00 a.m. 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 369 714 134#.

**TUESDAY MORNING MENS GROUP:** meets each Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. To join, [click here](#). The meeting ID is: 963 085 991. You can also dial 1.646.558.8656 and when prompted enter the meeting code 963 085 991. They are currently studying the Book of James.