

SUNDAY WORSHIP

AUGUST 1, 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 between 5:00—6:00 p.m. 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

Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri., and Sunday mornings. Phones are monitored from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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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)

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.

JOIN US REMOTELY!

To join the online
livestream of the
worship service, click
[here!](#)

To join the worship
service via telephone,
please dial
(844) 933-0517
and follow the prompts.

**MAKE A GIFT
ONLINE**

CLICK HERE!

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Prelude

“All Creatures of our God and King”

arr. Jason Tanioli

Vicki Walker, Piano

Please take this opportunity to fill out the black attendance pad, found at the end of your pew.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship**

One Be still before the mystery of Life.

Be still and know that God is here.

**All In quietness, we listen for the voice of God
that speaks in silence, in song, and in prayer.**

One Be still in the presence of the Spirit.

Hold still and know that God is moving.

**All In stillness, we feel the breath of life enter.
Our pulse quickens in the presence of God.**

One Be still and know that you are part of something bigger:

One bread, one breath, one body.

**All Let us rejoice for we are the body of Christ!
Let us shout for joy and praise the Lord!**

***Gathering Hymn**

“Come! Live in the Light!” (v. 1-3)

No. 749

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

***Refrain:** We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

*Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more. **(Refrain)***

*Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. **(Refrain)***

Come! Live in the Light!
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Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, Jesus said he would be with us to the end of the age. How can it be that we feel so alone? Months of isolation and fear have clouded our vision and limited our hope. We hunger for community and connection but we worry about illness and infection. It has been so long since we took an untroubled breath that we've forgotten what it feels like when the Spirit moves. Forgive our sins and gather us to you. Through your love, reconnect us to one another through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Congregational Response***

no. 516, v. 2

**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

“Let us Break Bread Together”
Melanie Walker, Soprano

arr. Moses Hogan

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. **(Refrain)**

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. **(Refrain)**

Scripture

Ephesians 4:1-16

Sermon

“Grace Upon Grace”

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

****Hymn of Response***

“In Christ Called to Baptize” (v. 1-2, 4)

no. 297

In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace and gather a people from each land and race. In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death, then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.

In Christ called to banquet one table we share, a haven of welcome, a circle of care. Although we are many, we share in one bread. One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.

Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for you are within us, around us, above. Equip us for service with gifts you bestow. In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.

In Christ Called to Baptize
Text: Ruth Duck (1995)
Music: Welsh folk melody (1839)
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Prayers of the People

Rev. Penny Swartz

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

[Give Now \(onrealm.org\)](http://onrealm.org)

***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**

God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of history and hope, we leave this table of communion knowing that we are part of the one body, with one spirit and one call. Using the grace you have bestowed, may we live out that call each and every day. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

“We Come as Guests Invited” (v. 1 & 3)

No. 504

We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine, his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine; the bread of life is broken; the wine is freely poured for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine, our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine; renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word, the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

We Come as Guests Invited
Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1975)
Music: Johann Steurlein (1575)
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***Benediction and 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

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

arr. John Carter

****Please stand as able***

VIRTUAL GROUPS

Below are some of our currently offered Bible studies or fellowship groups that meet virtually, via Zoom.

SUMMER PCYG: *PCYG is having bimonthly summer events!* If you would like to be added to the email list, or know a 6th-12th grade student interested in joining PCYG, please contact Elisha Smith at esmith@thepeopleschurch.com.

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 MEN'S 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 7:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room. They are beginning the book, *They Were Christians: The Inspiring Faith of Men and Women Who Changed the World* by Cristobal Krusen and sharing how mentors in their lives inspired their faith journeys.

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 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).

- *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.*

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Campus Ministry Bible Study will continue through the summer on Tuesday evenings at 8pm via Zoom. Please contact Haley Hansen at haleyhansen02@gmail.com if you are interested in receiving the Zoom link!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

George and Sam Brookover invite you to join them in celebrating the lives of Patty and Eliza Brookover. Patty and Eliza, long-time members of The Peoples Church, were very active in the church and church groups. A service to honor them will be held in the Sanctuary at 1 p.m. on Friday, August 6th.

UNDIE SUNDAYS

UNDIE SUNDAYS are continuing at Peoples Church through Sunday, August 15th. 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.

LOST AND FOUND

With in-person service resuming, there has been a large influx of missing items being turned in. If you have recently misplaced any personal items and believe them to be lost in the church, please stop by the church office! Any items not claimed will be donated to the Jewelry sale.

PORTAL SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to submit an update for your organization or group to be included in the September portal, please send articles to office@thepeopleschurch.com. Submissions are due **August 15th**, and will be published as space is available. We look forward to hearing from you!

WPC ANNUAL JEWELRY SALE & USED BOOK SALE

Thank you to those who have generously donated books and jewelry for the upcoming sale! **Donations of books and jewelry are no longer needed!** Make sure to mark your calendars and share the Facebook Event with your friends (found [here](#))! The sale will run Saturday, August 7th, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, August 8th, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The book sale will be held in the Snider Social Hall and the jewelry sale in the basement gymnasium. All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

REALM CONNECT APP

The free Realm Connect App, found on either the Google Play Store or the iPhone App Store, is an easy way to stay connected with The Peoples Church. The online directory, calendar of events, and records of your giving, are all features easily accessible at the touch of your fingers. If you have any questions about connecting to The Peoples Church contact Beth Lundy, blundy@thepeopleschurch.com, or call the church office.



**Realm Connect -
For Our Church**

Connecting Our Community

Join Our Team

We are now hiring for the following positions:

Peoples Church Preschool is looking for Full-Time, and Part-Time *Teachers*. Applicants must have a degree in Early Childhood Education or equivalent. Please contact the preschool at: djohnson@thepeopleschurch.com for more information.

The Peoples Church is hiring a full-time (30 hours) support position:

- *Communications Coordinator* (requires expertise in Microsoft Suite)

The Peoples Church is also seeking a part-time *Custodian*—Mon-Fri, 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Please contact personnel@thepeopleschurch.com for more information.

