

SUNDAY WORSHIP

AUGUST 8, 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**

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Prelude

“Abide With Me”

J. S. Bach

Judy Kabodian, Organ

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 Enter into the presence of the Creator,
The one who made all the world with a Word.

**All God has formed us and loves us.
God has given us all that we need.**

One Enter into the presence of the Redeemer,
The one who rescued us from our sin.

**All God has given us new life in Christ.
God offers hope for the healing of this world.**

One Enter into the presence of the Comforter,
The one who inspires and enlightens our lives.

**All We celebrate and praise our Creator, Redeemer and Comforter!
With song and silence, with prayers and proclamation,
Let us worship the one true God!**

***Gathering Hymn** “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” (v. 1, 4-5) no. 41

O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God’s power and God’s love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!
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Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love is inconsistent, and our obedience is incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us. Help us to know and to grow in your love. We pray 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

Quartet

“How Can I Keep From Singing?”

arr. Robert I. Hugh

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though far off hymn, that hails a new creation. Above the tumult and the strife, I hear its music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? (Repeat)

What though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth it liveth. What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of Heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble sick with fear, and hear their death knell ringing. When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing? In prison cell, and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging. When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

Scripture

2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 31-33

Sermon

“A Parent's Love”

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Hymn of Response**

“My Song Forever Shall Record” (v. 1-3)

no. 67

My song forever shall record the tender mercies of the Lord; your faithful love will I proclaim and every age shall know your name.

I sing of mercies that endure, forever firm, forever sure, a strong support that never dies, established changeless in the skies.

Almighty God, your lofty throne has justice for its cornerstone, and shining bright before your face are truth and love and boundless grace.

My Song Forever Shall Record
Text: *The New Metrical Version of the Psalms* (1909)
Music: George Ratcliffe Woodward (1902)
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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***

Ever-giving God, with joy, we dedicate this offering to you. All that we give, we dedicate to your glory. All that we keep, we commit to your care. Bless the ministry of this church and all those who call this place home. Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

"Praise, My Soul, The God of Heaven" (v. 1-3)

no. 619

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!

Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears in distress; God is still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame, gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same. Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, praise God's name!

Praise, My Soul, The God of Heaven
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****Benediction***

Postlude

"Rondeau"

Jean Joseph Mouret

****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

WPC ANNUAL JEWELRY SALE & USED BOOK SALE

The Jewelry and Used Book Sale is TODAY! After the conclusion of the service, head down to the basement and catch the tail end of the sale! The sale will end today at 1 p.m.

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.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

Come join the fun in Sunday School! Classes begin 9/19 and we are looking for teachers to add to our roster.

Things you need to know:

- You can teach as little or as often as you like!
- Simple lessons and crafts are all planned out for you in advance.
- You don't need to be a Biblical scholar, just someone with a heart for kids!
- Schedules are flexible around vacations, school breaks, holidays and other special events.
- You don't have to miss all of church! You can enjoy the 10:30 service until the Children's Moment, then later watch the sermon from home on our YouTube channel!

Please contact Kathi Mitchell, kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com, for more information. Thank you!

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!

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.

