

SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 14th, 2022



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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Sunday Schedule

Worship Service: 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Livestreamed on YouTube.

Sunday School is available after the Children's Moment.

Nursery Care is available for Children Under 3.

ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome ASL interpreters for our Sunday worship service and for special events.

Sensory Tool Kit

A Sensory Tool Kit is reserved for individuals who get overstimulated during church services and need something to help calm the nervous system. The kit can be borrowed at the Welcome desk.

THE PEOPLES CHURCH STAFF

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Rev. Penny Swartz, Minister Emeritus

COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. Bev Mason, 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,
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To join the worship
service via
telephone,
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Order of Service | August 14th, 2022

Prelude

Musette
Judy Kabodian, Organist

R. Vaughan Williams

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: Call to mind the mighty acts of God.

Remember the wonders God has revealed in your life.

All: All the ways of God are holy.

Nothing in heaven or on earth is so marvelous as God.

One: With strength and cunning, God redeems the people.

Day and night, God leads us with a shepherd's care.

All: Though the earth may tremble and fires may burn, God is with us.

Though waters rise and skies rumble, we are confident of God's care.

One: God is an ever-present source of help in times of trouble.

God is an ever-resourceful presence in our lives.

All: Let us worship the God who saves us in unexpected ways.

Let us rejoice in the wondrous presence of our Creator!

***Gathering 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 fore-bears 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!

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we can be so self-centered that we do not have room for you in our hearts. We can be so preoccupied with things of little consequence that we fail to appreciate important matters of the heart. Sometimes we place greater value on possessions than we do on people. We are cautious with our time and attention rather than extravagant with our love. Set us free, O God, from the sin that binds us and keeps us from living fully in your creation. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Solo Down in the Valley to Pray arr. Jay Althouse
Christine Roberts, mezzo-soprano

As I went down in the valley to pray, studyin' about that good old way, and who shall wear that starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. Oh, sisters let's go down. Let's go down, come on down. Oh, sisters let's go down, down in the valley to pray. As I went down in the valley to pray, studyin' about that good old way, and who shall wear that robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way. Oh, brothers let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Oh, brothers let's go down, down in the valley to pray. I've got to walk that lonesome valley, I've got to walk it by myself. Oh, nobody else can walk it for me. I've got to walk it by myself. As I went down in the valley to pray, studyin' about that good old way, and who shall wear that starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.

Scripture Joshua 2: 1-15 pg. 147

Sermon "Unexpected Help" Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

I to Hills Will Lift My Eyes (v. 1-4)

no. 45

I to the hills will lift my eyes; from whence shall come my aid? My help is from the Lord alone, who heaven and earth has made.

God will not let your foot be moved; your guardian never sleeps; God's watchful and unslumbering care protects and safely keeps.

Your faithful keeper is the Lord, your shelter and your shade. 'Neath sun or moon, by day or night, you shall not be afraid.

From evil God will keep you safe, provide for all you need. Your going out, your coming in, God will forever lead.

I to the Hills Lift My Eyes
Text: *The New Metrical Version of the Psalms*, 1909
Music: Scottish Psalter, 1615
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Pastoral Prayer and 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

****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

O God, help us to resist the temptation to settle for a church that is merely viable. Enable us to be a church with vision and passion, a community of faith that cares for all your children. This is who we wish to be. May these gifts and your Spirit help bring it to life. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

God of Our Life (v. 1-3)

no. 686

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee. In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see. With each new day, when morning lifts the veil, we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us abide. Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land. Be thou our guide. With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light, and faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow thee. When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be. Be thou for us in life our daily bread, our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

God of the Fertile Fields
Text: Georgia Harkness, 1955, alt.
Music: Felice de Giardini, 1769
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Benediction

Benediction Response*

no. 853

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the of God. We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo, we are marching in the light of God.

Postlude

Joyful Praise
Judy Kabodian, organist

Eugene Butler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE: Edgewood Village is in need of school supplies for the upcoming year. Edgewood Village Nonprofit's mission is to empower low-income households by providing access to affordable housing, educational opportunities, and community programming. Items accepted are backpacks, reusable lunch boxes, reusable water bottles, notebooks, binders, mechanical pencils, headphones, markers, colored pencils, folders, and calculators. Collection bins are located at the Welcome Desk, thank you for your help!

FALL KICK-OFF: Following worship on September 11th, The Peoples Church will be having a Ministry Fair and our Annual Chicken Dinner! The Ministry Fair will give the congregation an opportunity to get involved with committees and church groups that will start up in the fall. The Chicken Dinner officially launches our fall activities with a community feast!

SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS: The Peoples Church is committed to providing volunteers for the Southside Community Kitchen on the third Tuesday of every month, and has been for years. Volunteer servers from our congregation are needed on September 20th, October 18th, and November 15th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Galilee Baptist Church on Reo Road. If you would like to help out, contact Jan Perron at jrparron@comcast.net. For more information about the Southside Community Kitchen and the wonderful work they do, visit southsidecommunitykitchen.org. Your time is greatly appreciated!

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Set aside some time to renew your spirit, renew your faith, and renew your connection with God. Join us for our fall retreat for women at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. The program starts with dinner on Friday night, September 23rd, and ends with a closing worship on Saturday evening, September 24th. The program will feature three sessions led by Anita Smith Buckwalter, prayer, worship, and unstructured time for crafts, writing, or whatever makes your heart sing. The cost is \$105 (double occupancy) or \$120 (single occupancy) and includes four meals and all accommodations. If you have questions, please contact Beth Lundy(blundy@thepeopleschurch.com). Space is limited, so sign up today. Scholarships are available upon request.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 1st from 6 to 8 p.m. we will celebrate the 115th anniversary of The Peoples Church! More details will come in September.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

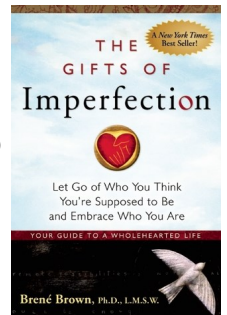


A.C.H.E.: Adults Connecting Having Events will meet Monday, August 15th at 6:30 p.m. at Zap Zone for Laser Tag. Meet at the Peoples Church at 6:15 p.m. if you need a ride. For more information about this young adult group, follow [ache_thepeopleschurch](#) on Instagram or Contact Pastor Devon at dherrell@thepeopleschurch.com.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday morning men's group has started a **new book:** *The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God* by Dallas Willard. Now is a great time to join the group! We continue to meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Led by Pastor Shawnthea, this group will meet Wednesdays on Zoom from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. The texts discussed will include passages for up-coming sermons along with other topics of interest. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81906921959>. Beginning Monday, September 12th, Engaging the Word will also be offered IN PERSON in the Robertson Room from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Please join us in-person on Mondays or via Zoom on Wednesdays! All are welcome!

CHICs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST): CHICs will meet on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room, starting on September 8th. This fall we will read and discuss 'The Gifts of Imperfection: Let Go of Who You Think You're Supposed to Be and Embrace Who You Are' by Brené Brown. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Beth Lundy at lundybb@comcast.net or (610)246-0029 for more information.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: We will be worshipping at 9:30 a.m. until September 4th. This will provide some relief from parking congestion and prepare us (we hope!) to return to a schedule of two services (8:30/10:30) in the fall.