

SUNDAY WORSHIP

AUGUST 22, 2021



“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.”

Ephesians 6:10



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 PROGRAMMING

A community meal is 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. For more details, check out The Peoples Church Facebook page.

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

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Johann Pachelbel

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 Come away from dullness and complacency.
Wake up! God is calling us to listen and learn.

**All The heavens are telling the glory of God.
The firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.**

One How long will we refuse the wisdom God offers?
How long will we ignore God’s counsel and reproof?

**All The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.
The decrees of God are sure, making wise the simple.**

One Do not turn away from God’s loving wisdom.
Draw near and listen to the Word of the Lord.

**All We come with empty hands to receive God’s presence.
We come with aching hearts to receive God’s love.
We come to worship and praise the Lord.**

***Gathering Hymn**

“Awake My Soul, and with the Sun” (v. 1-3)

no. 663

Awake, my soul, and with the sun your daily stage of duty run; shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise to pay your morning sacrifice.

Lord, I my vow to you renew. Disperse my sins as morning dew; guard my first springs of thought and will, and with yourself my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest, this day, all I design or do or say, that all my powers, with all their might, in your sole glory may unite.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Text: Thomas Ken (1965)
Music: Francois Hippolyte Barthelemon (1785)
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Prayer of Confession

God of strength and might, we confess we have failed to put on the armor of salvation. We have not clothed ourselves with truth or righteousness; we have laid aside the shield of faith; we have shrugged off the gospel of peace and left ourselves vulnerable to attacks of despair, fear, anger and selfishness. Have mercy on us, O God, and wrap us in your love. We pray all this in Jesus’ name. 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!**

Sacrament of Baptism

Finn Marshall Patterson—July 22, 2020

Jayce Phillip Sloan—May 20, 2021

Elder: Do we, the members of the church of Jesus Christ present here at The Peoples Church, promise to be Finn's and Jayce's family of faith, now and always, offering whatever they might need to better serve and follow our Lord and Savior? And do we promise to encourage them to walk humbly with their Lord all the days of their life

Congregation: *By God's grace, we do.*

Elder: Brothers and sisters, we now celebrate the gift of grace in the Sacrament of Baptism.

Congregation: *There is one body and one spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us. There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God, creator of us all*

Baptism

Congregational Response: *We thank you God for Finn (Jayce). Bless him and keep him, now and forever. Amen*

Solo

"Amazing Grace"
Neil Mueller, Trumpet

arr. Young/Mueller

Scripture

Ephesians 6:10 –20

Sermon

"Dress the Part"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

****Hymn of Response***

"O Christ, the Great Foundation" (v. 1-3)

no. 361

O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand to preach your true salvation in every age and land: pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure, to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth, we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth: one holy people gathered in love beyond our own, by grace we were invited; by grace we make you known.

(hymn continued on next page)

Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak, where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak, there let your church awaking attack the powers of sin and, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.

O Christ, the Great Foundation
Text: Timothy T'ingfang Lew (1933)
Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1864)
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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***

Holy One, help us to resist the temptation to settle for a church that is merely viable. Enable us to build a church that ministers with a vital presence and powerful compassion. With this vision in mind, we dedicate this offering to your work in and through this community. Bless us and our ministry in Christ's name. Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

“Lead On, O King Eternal!” (v. 1 & 2)

no. 269

Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; hence-forth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong, and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead On, O King Eternal!
Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff (1888)
Music: Henry Thomas Smart (1835)
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****Benediction***

Postlude

Hornpipe from “Water Music”

G. F. Handel

****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 reading 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.

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

HAITI AND AFGHANISTAN: HOW TO HELP

Watching the crises unfold in Haiti and Afghanistan, it's easy to feel discouraged and hopeless. How can we help? First, include the people of Haiti and Afghanistan in your prayers. Second, consider a gift of financial support to organizations working to alleviate suffering in those countries. In Haiti, the United Church of Christ has an active presence working with Global H.O.P.E. This means more of the money we give will get to the people in need. In Afghanistan, one of the most effective relief organizations is the International Rescue Committee, a worldwide non-governmental organization (NGO) that provides humanitarian support to people displaced by war and natural disasters. If you wish to make a gift, the links are:

<https://www.ucc.org/ucc-haiti-appeal/>

<https://www.rescue.org/country/afghanistan>

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

On behalf of Gary Dawson, please join us in celebrating the life of Sharon Dawson. The memorial will be held in the sanctuary on Thursday, August 26th at 11 a.m. After the service, all are invited to attend a reception in the Robertson Room.

GREAT DECISIONS

We are please to share the good news that our Great Decisions program will now be coordinated by the MSU's AgeAlive Senior Ambassadors Town & Gown program, beginning on August 31 with speaker Gabriella Karin, a survivor of the Holocaust who is dedicated to helping people to understand the history of the Holocaust so that it is not repeated. Gabriella is also an accomplished artist whose work is inspired by the Holocaust. The Town & Gown program will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 5pm to 6:30pm. Participants may either attend in the Robertson Room or join by Zoom. Our Great Decisions program on Human Trafficking, presented by Dr. Amanda Flaim, will be highlighted at the September 21st presentation. The weekly topics from a wide variety of excellent speakers will be announced in our monthly Portals and in our weekly eblast and Bulletins. We invite you to join us as we welcome Town & Gown to our church community! You can register to [attend via this link](#).

WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP

There will be an administrative meeting of this men's group on Wednesday, September 8 at 12noon in the church library. The group will resume their regular weekly Wednesday noon meetings on September 15, and will begin discussing the book *The Tyranny of Merit* by Michael Sandel. The group meets in the church library.

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 often or as little 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!



Kickoff Sunday!

Mark your calendars—Kickoff Sunday at The Peoples Church is September 19th! Join us in celebrating and enjoy a delicious chicken lunch!

Menu

Fried Chicken ~ Baked Chicken
Redskin Potato Wedges
Wild Rice with Mushrooms
Mixed Greens Salad
Dinner Roll
Fresh Fruit Bowl
Assorted Sweets

Children's Table Menu

Chicken Tenders
Macaroni & Cheese
Veggies & Dip
Fresh Fruit
Coffee ~ Tea ~ Ice Water
~ Lemonade

Join Our Team!

Peoples Church Preschool is looking for Full-Time, and Part-Time *Teachers*. Applicants must have a degree in Early Childhood Education or equivalent. For more information please contact the preschool.