

***Service of Installation for
The Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe
Saturday, October 23, 2021***



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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Order of Service | October 23, 2021

Prelude

Intrada Festiva
Judy Kabodian, Organ

Dale Wood

Words of Welcome

Rev. Penny Swartz

***Call to Worship**

One This is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**All There are varieties of gifts but it is the same spirit who gives them.
There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

One God works through each person in a unique way,
But in each life, God's purpose is accomplished.

**All To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.
Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.**

One This is a day the Lord has made!

All We will rejoice and be glad in it!

***Gathering Hymn**

“The God of Abraham Praise” (v. 1-2, 4)

no. 49

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above, the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love! The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed, we bow before your holy name, forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will. In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still. Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand, deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul; your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll. We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name: the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

The God of Abraham Praise
Text: Moses Maimonides (12th century)
Music: Jewish melody (17th. century)
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Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

**Eternal God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth:
that our minds might behold your holiness,
our hearts might be nourished by your truth,
our imaginations purified by your beauty,
and our wills surrendered to your purpose.**

May all this be gathered up in adoration as we ascribe glory, praise and honor to you alone. We pray this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

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

Anthem

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” arr. Mack Wilberg
James Brinkmann, Flute Gretchen Morse, Oboe
Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Reading from Scripture

Genesis 2:4b-9
Revelation 21:1-4
Luke 22:14-27

Sermon

“From Beginning to End” Rev. Roger Underwood

Special Music

Rekindle Christopher Kaminski
Melanie Walker, Soprano Ally Szeles, Clarinet

Commissioned by The Peoples Church of East Lansing for The Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

I am grateful to God when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you. You fill me with joy. I am reminded of the sincere faith that lives on in you, passed down through generations. Through the laying of my hands, rekindle the gift of God that is within you. God does not give us a spirit of cowardice. He gave us a spirit of power, of self-discipline, and love. - Adapted from 2 Timothy 1:3-7

Service of Installation

Greetings

Rev. Dr. Jerry Devine (UMC)
Rev. Brian Johnson (ABC)
Rev. Kristin Stroble (PCUSA)
Rev. Cheryl Burke (UCC)

Rev. Burke: The Covenant Association of the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ greets you in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Congregation: Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Presentation

Kari Naghtin: The Peoples Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe as its senior pastor and teacher and respectfully requests that the Covenant Association install her in this ministry among us, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Rev. Burke: The Covenant Association has reviewed the request of The Peoples Church. We have prayerfully examined Dr. Monroe and we are pleased to install her as your pastor and teacher.

Shawnthea Monroe, servant of God, we invite you to come forward as a sign of your acceptance of the call to this office.

Installation is the action of an association of the United Church of Christ in cooperation with a local church. Installation confirms and celebrates the covenantal relationship among a local church, its pastors and teachers, and the United Church of Christ. Installation is a sign that these covenantal partners are committed to share mutually in the mission of the United Church of Christ and of the ecumenical church.

Exhortation

Words to the Congregation

Rev. Kristin Stroble

Hear these words from the apostle Paul: We beg you, our brothers and sisters, to pay proper respect to those who work among you who guide and instruct you in the Christian life. Treat them with the greatest respect and love because of the work they do. Be at peace among yourselves.

Words to the Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jerry Devine

We urge you, our sister, warn the idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with all.

Words to All

Rev. Brian Johnston

See that no one pays back wrong for wrong, but at all times make it your aim to do good to one another and to all people. Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants of you, in your life in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Covenant

Rev. Cheryl Burke

Dear friends, The Peoples Church has declared that, having gathered under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe to minister in this place as pastor and teacher and that it now receives her as appointed by God for this ministry. The Covenant Association of the United Church of Christ has declared that she has met all the necessary conditions for installation to this office.

Shawnthea, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God and that The Peoples Church has been led to call you as pastor and teacher, are you willing to enter this covenant with its members who are one in Christ with us in the Covenant Association?

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe: I am willing, and I promise to serve this church faithfully, preaching and teaching the word of God, administering the sacraments, and fulfilling the pastoral office, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Rev. Burke: Members of The Peoples Church, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with your pastor and teacher?

Congregation: We, the members of The Peoples Church receive Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with her in the ministry of the gospel and to give her due honor and support. We gather with her and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Prayer of Installation

Rev. Penny Swartz

Almighty God, you have called your servants to make promises before you; now enable us to keep our vows that we may remain steadfast in faith and fruitful in every good work. Bless, we pray, your servant, Shawnthea Monroe to whom the care of your people in this church is now committed. Pour out your Holy Spirit on her, on the people of The Peoples Church and on all the churches of our affiliated denominations that our mutual ministry may be served with all faithfulness, diligence, and courage. Grant us the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind. Make our ministry a means of awakening the careless, strengthening the faithful, comforting the afflicted, building up your church, and converting sinners to you. Guard us against the snares of temptation that we may be kept pure in heart, fervent in spirit, and valiant against evil. And at the last, by your grace, receive us in your eternal home, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ reigns in glory, one God, for ever and ever.

And let all God's children say: **AMEN.**

Declaration

Rev. Cheryl Burke

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Covenant Association of the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as the senior pastor and teacher of The Peoples Church.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Presentation of Gifts

Words from the Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Closing Hymn**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (v. 1, 4-5)

no. 610

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer’s praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God’s grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Text: Charles Wesley (1739)
Music: Carl Gottlieb Gläser (1828)
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***Benediction**

Postlude

Toccata Giocosa

Gilbert Martin

****Please stand as able***

Please join us for a reception in the Robertson Room following this installation service. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Thank you all for being part of my installation service. I give thanks to God for the blessings of this call, this church, and this community. I also want to thank my husband, Neil Mueller, and our children, Walter, Clara, and Renold, for all the love and support that has made this call possible. May God bless this ministry and the work of The Peoples Church. Soli Deo Gloria!

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe



***“And I will give you shepherds after my own heart,
who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.”***

- Jeremiah 3:15



Floral Dedication

*For Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe, in love and appreciation,
from the congregation and staff of The Peoples Church.*



Participants

Rev. Penny Swartz, *Minister Emeritus, The Peoples Church*

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell, *Associate Pastor, The Peoples Church*

Rev. Roger Underwood, *American Baptist*

Rev. Dr. Jerry Devine, *District Superintendent, Mid-Michigan District,
The Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church*

Rev. Brian Johnson, *Regional Executive Minister, American Baptist
Churches of Michigan*

Rev. Kristin Stroble, *Pastor, Eastminster Presbyterian Church*

Rev. Cheryl Burke, *Associate Conference Minister, Michigan
Conference UCC*

Kari Naghtin, *Council of Elders Chair, The Peoples Church*

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe, *Senior Pastor, The People Church*

Judy Kabodian, *Musician in Residence, The Peoples Church*

Soloists: **Ally Szeles**, *Clarinet*
Melanie Walker, *Soprano*

Dr. Jonathan Reed, *Director of Music, The Peoples Church*

Ushers: **Beth & Jon Lundy**
Diane & Rick Shafer
Susan Kilmer