

SUNDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 25, 2021



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 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

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823
517.332.5073 | ThePeoplesChurch.com

THE PEOPLES CHURCH STAFF

Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Sunday mornings.

Reception Desk 332.5073

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe 908.4442
Senior Pastor, United Church of Christ
smonroe@thepeopleschurch.com

Rev. Penny Swartz 648.8987
Minister Emeritus & Associate Pastor, NACCC
pswartz@thepeopleschurch.com

Rachel Giddings 908.4453
Communications Specialist
rgiddings@thepeopleschurch.com

Dana Johnson 908.4449
Preschool Director
djohnson@thepeopleschurch.com

Zack Matthews 908.4444
Facility Director
zmatthews@thepeopleschurch.com

Kathi Mitchell 908.4447
Children's Christian Education Director
kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com

Gerrilynn Nichols 908.4432
Hospitality Director
gnichols@thepeopleschurch.com

Elisha Smith 332.6264
Youth Director
esmith@thepeopleschurch.com

Dr. Jonathan Reed, Director of Music
Elizabeth Reed, Children's Music & Bell Choir Director
Judy Kabodian, Musician in Residence
office@thepeopleschurch.com

COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

Kari Naghtin, Chairperson
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.



PHONE NUMBER

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

MAKE A GIFT ONLINE!

[CLICK HERE!](#)

ORDER OF WORSHIP | APRIL 25, 2021

Prelude

"The Lord's My Shepherd"
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Searle Wright

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Call to Worship

One: The Good Shepherd invites us to green pastures.
Beside the still waters we make our home.

**All: The Lord is our shepherd.
We have everything we need.**

One: When we walk through shadowed valleys, God is with us.
When we are afraid, God comforts us.

**All: God leads us on the right path.
God's grace is overflowing.**

One: God sets a feast before us.
Everyone is invited to the table.

**All: The Lord is our shepherd.
We will trust and rejoice in the Lord!**

Gathering Hymn

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" (verses 1 and 3)

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Text: Isaac Watts (1719); alt.

Music: USA Folk Melody; Lewis's Beauties of Harmony (1828); harm. Dale Grotenhuis (1986)

Copyright: 2013; CCLI#: 1698862

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we have wandered down many strange pathways. We have ventured into dead-end streets looking to fulfill our own desires. We have strayed from the path of love and service, trusting in our own judgment rather than your guidance. We have accepted your gifts without expressing gratitude. Our cups are filled to overflowing but we have not shared our bounty with those in need. In your mercy, forgive us and set us on the right path every time we stray. 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

Anthem

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

arr. John Ness Beck

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me. Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever. Amen.

A Reading from Scripture Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; 3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Sermon

"We Like Sheep"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (verses 1, 2 and 4)

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way. Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will. Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Text: Thrupp's Hymns for the Young (1836); alt.
Music: William Batchelder (1859); alt.
Copyright: 2013; CCLI#: 1698862

Recognition of Graduates

Tom Dixon, PhD in Computational Mathematics Science and Engineering Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Will Johnson, Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance

Michaela Larson, Bachelor of Music in Education

Elizabeth Liber, Bachelor of Arts in Business Marketing

Sarah Piotrowicz, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Elisha Smith, Bachelor of Arts in Human Development and Family Studies

Emma Turkmani, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Prayers of the People & 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

[Click here to give your offering to our virtual Offertory Plate](#)

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 grace, whatever we offer to you is a fraction of what we have received. Take these gifts and all our talents and use them for your purposes. May your truth and love spread throughout this world. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes" (verses 1, 3 and 4)

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.

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 Will Lift My Eyes
Text: The New Metrical Version of the Psalms (1909)
Music: Scottish Psalter (1615)
Copyright: 2013; CCLI#: 1698862

Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

"Postludium"

Gordon Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SAVE THE DATE! VIRTUAL STRAWBERRY BREAKFAST IS MAY 8, 2021

The Women of Peoples Church will be hosting their first ever VIRTUAL Strawberry Breakfast on May 8 at 11:00 a.m. Clare Luz, Assistant Professor at MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine and Director of Age Alive will be the guest speaker, along with musical guest, Judy Kabodian. Mark the date down on your calendar and stay tuned for more information with details on how to join the breakfast.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

The Peoples Forum offers monthly presentations from a dynamic lineup of guest speakers! The meetings will take place via Zoom, once per month, at 9:30 a.m. Mark your calendars for our upcoming forums:

May 2: Sean Holland, One Love Global

June 6: Dick Peffley, GM and CEO of Lansing Board of Water and Light

[Join the Zoom meeting here](#); Meeting ID: 952 4386 8996 and passcode is TPCPF. Or, dial 1 301 715 8592 and enter the meeting ID: 952 4386 8996 and passcode TPCPF. Email questions to [Mary West](#).

Please note: The Zoom presentation of the Forum can now be viewed in-person, in the Robertson Room, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary will follow immediately afterward.



VIRTUAL ALL-CHURCH TALENT SHOW POSTPONED

Welcome Ministry has made the tough decision to postpone the Virtual All-Church Talent Show slated for today, April 25. Thanks to Gabe and Theo Eysselinck, Abraham Barton and Brad Fingland who inquired and/or sent in videos! Please keep honing your skills for a future event! All are encouraged to participate at a later time. Questions can be directed to Diane Shafer at dshafer@cityofeastlansing.com. Stay tuned for more details on a future date.

VIRTUAL GROUPS

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



SERMON PREVIEW GROUP: meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. To join, [click here](#); Meeting ID: 841 4703 4632. You can also dial 1.929.205.6099 and when prompted enter 841 4703 4632.

TUESDAY MORNING MENS 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 8:00 a.m. To join, [click here](#). The meeting ID is: 837 5361 0456; passcode is: TPC. You can also dial 1.301.715.8592 and when prompted enter the meeting code 837 5361 0456 and passcode 160971. They are reading *Life on the Vine: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit*, by Philip D. Kenneson.

WEDNESDAY NOON MENS GROUP: meets each Wednesday at Noon. To join, [click here](#).

WEDNESDAY PCYG MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP: meets each Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. If interested in joining this group, email [Elisha Smith](#), PCYG Director.

SUNDAY PCYG HIGH SCHOOL GROUP: meets each Sunday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. If interested in joining this group, email [Elisha Smith](#), PCYG Director.

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 sweet 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).

Don't have access to internet? No problem! You can still join us from ANY phone! Dial by your location; see below:

- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C)
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Enter the Meeting ID: 885 9630 8098 and password 680020

* 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.



JOIN OUR TEAM



Now Hiring!

Peoples Church Preschool is looking for a Full-Time, Co-Lead, Toddler Room Teacher.

Applicants must have a degree in Early Childhood Education or equivalent. Please contact the preschool at: djohnson@thepeopleschurch.com for more information.