

SUNDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 26, 2020



"When he was at the table with them,
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it
and began to give it to them."

Luke 24:30



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

All regularly scheduled Sunday programs have been suspended until further notice.

Worship Services have changed to:

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Suspended

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service, via Live Stream

SUSPENDED

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

All regularly scheduled *WNL!* programs have been suspended until further notice.

A community meal will still be 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.



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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

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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.



During this time of social distancing, The Peoples Church Staff are still here for you!

While we may not be physically in the office, we are still available via email or phone for any questions or concerns you may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out to one of us!

MAKE A GIFT ONLINE!

[CLICK HERE!](#)

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Prelude

"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"
Judy Kabodian, organ

Johann Walther

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Worship is both personal and communal, formal and informal, intimate and casual. Here at The Peoples Church, we recognize that people come to worship God in both joy and pain, faith and doubt, with laughter and with tears. Our worship tries to reflect a desire both for meditation and celebration. Please know you are invited to participate in any and all ways you feel led. Our songs, prayers, words and actions are the works of imperfect people trying to worship a perfect God.

Call to Worship

One: Prepare yourself to encounter the Spirit.
Wherever you are, Jesus will find you.

**All: We long to experience Christ's presence,
but we're not sure how to recognize him.**

One: Open yourself up to God's gracious presence.
Let yourself receive the gifts God offers.

**All: We are anxious and willing to meet the risen Christ!
Let God be praised with our prayers and our songs!**

Gathering Hymn

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies" (verses 1 and 3)

No. 327

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word: Alleluia! Alleluia! Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

From All That Dwell Below the Skies
Text: Stanzas 1,3 Isaac Watts (1719)
Music: Geistliche Kirchengesang (1623), alt.; harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams (1906)
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Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that we rush through our days without recognizing your presence. We fill our time with distractions and diversions. We focus on our fears and imagine ourselves abandoned. But you are always with us, persistent and steadfast. You offer us salvation and hold our future in your hands. Forgive us for not seeing or seeking you each day. Forgive our sins and wake us from our slumber. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment of Silence and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response "Thine Is the Glory" (refrain)

No. 238

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Solo "Lord Jesus, My Savior" arr. Dale Wood
Ben Maines, tenor

A Reading from Scripture Luke 24:13-35
(Pew Bible Page 1,060; Large Print 1,610)

Sermon "The Lessons of Hindsight" Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response "Open My Eyes, That I May See" No. 451

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear. And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see. Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere. Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see. Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open My Eyes, That I May See
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Music: Clara H. Scott (1895)
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Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Drew Filkins

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; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, we are so glad we have gifts to share. Please bless these gifts and all who give in any way to make your love known. We pray and serve in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Lord, Make Us More Holy" (verses 1, 2 and 4)

No. 313

*Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy; Lord make us more holy, until we meet again:
holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.*

*Lord, make us more loving; Lord make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving, until we meet again:
loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.*

*Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful, until we meet again:
faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.*

Lord, Make Us More Holy
Text: African American spiritual
Music: African American spiritual
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Benediction

Benediction Response

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Postlude

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

All in-person church activities are suspended until further notice. We continue to work on ways to interact virtually with you during this time of separation. Please be patient with us as we work to move Bible study groups and other fellowship groups online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SERMON PREVIEW GROUP

The Wednesday morning Sermon Preview Group is now meeting via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. each Wednesday. For more information on how to join Dr. Monroe for the Sermon Preview Group, please call Dr. Monroe at 517-896-0407 or email smonroe@thepeopleschurch.com.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE

Join us each Monday at 11:00 a.m., via Zoom, to continue our study of John's Gospel.

To join the meeting, [click here](#). Or, on your Zoom app enter meeting ID: 369 714 134. You can also dial 1-312-626-6799 and when prompted enter 369714134#.

TUESDAY MORNING MENS GROUP IS NOW ONLINE!

Tuesday Morning Men's group will meet again on April 7 at 8:00 a.m. They are currently reading *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman. Next week they will be on chapter 4. Join them following the instructions below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/963085991>; Meeting ID: 963 085 991

Or, on ANY phone dial 1-646-558-8656 and when prompted for a meeting code enter 963-085-991.

GIVING IN A TIME OF NEED

The Community Engagement Ministry would like to extend a huge thank you to all. Because you continue to give to our church, we can continue to support our community and the world with much needed funds to supply food and supplies during this difficult time. At a recent meeting we approved funds for the following organizations:

Re-Member on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota is our national outreach. We were able to give them \$1,500 for food and supplies needed to keep their dwellings safe.

Greater Lansing Food Bank is one of the finest organizations in our area and it was a joy to gift them with \$2,500 to feed the hungry.

Edgewood Community Center is our local mission. We support them in many ways through programming, gardening, and tutoring. We learned how difficult it is for the older and mobility challenged adults to get food and we gave them an additional \$1,000 to support this effort.

For more information about one of these organizations and to learn more about how they will use the gifted funds, please visit their websites. [Re-Member](#); [Greater Lansing Food Bank](#); [Edgewood Community Center](#)