

PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 31, 2020



"When the day of Pentecost had come,
they were all together in one place."

Acts 2:1



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.



THE PEOPLES CHURCH STAFF

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

Bob Cantrell, Chairperson
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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!](#)

ORDER OF WORSHIP | May 31, 2020

Prelude

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Healey Willan

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

**All: God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh
and our sons and daughters shall prophesy!**

One: On this day, the church sprang to life
in a flash of fire and rush of wind!

**All: This is the day when the Spirit came.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Gathering Hymn

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" (verses 1,2 and 4)

*O Splendor of God's glory bright, from light eternal bringing light; O Light of Light, light's living spring, true Day,
all days illumining:*

*Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love, rain down your radiance from above, and to our inward hearts convey the
Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.*

*O Lord, with each returning morn, your image to our heart is born; O may we ever clearly view our Savior and our
God in you.*

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright
Text: Ambrose of Milan c. 374; trans. composite
Music: Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt Michael Praetorius (1609)
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Prayer of Confession

Generous God, you send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions. You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts. Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us in this moment. Set our souls on fire with your love and assure us that our sins are forgiven. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

Moment of Silence and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response "There Is a Balm in Gilead" (refrain)
**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Special Music

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
Lynn Fendler, and Michaela Larsen, sopranos

Richard DeLong

A Reading from Scripture

Acts 2:1-21
([Link to Passage](#))

Sermon

"One Light, One Love"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" (verses 1 and 5)

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the baptism of heaven, the descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart
Text: George Croly (1867)
Music: Frederick Cook Atkinson (1870)
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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

God of wind, word, and fire, we praise you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small. May this offering be a witness to your love throughout all the earth. We pray this through Jesus Christ, your son and our savior. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Arise, Your Light is Come!" (verses 1, 3 and 4)

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Arise, Your Light is Come!

Text: Ruth Duck (1974)

Music: William H. Walter (1894)

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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

"Allegro"

G.F. Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TPC MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member of The Peoples Church, or simply want to know more about this remarkable community, please email Robin Matheson at matheso4@msu.edu.

GREAT DECISIONS & FOOD SAFETY

In lieu of our postponed Great Decisions programs for this spring, we are partnering with the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University to present two programs in June via Zoom. The first program is on **June 4** from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. We will meet with two MSU Extension food safety educators, Wade Syers and Joyce McGarry, to learn more about food safety during the pandemic. Their presentation will include the latest advisories on safe food handling when shopping in stores or using grocery delivery, how to handle takeout and drive thru foods safely, and tips for shopping at the farmers' market. You will have an opportunity to chat, ask questions and share concerns.

Because of Zoom safety concerns, we ask that you register ahead of time. Once registered you will receive a zoom ID and password for the June 4 meeting. To register, [click here](#). If you have questions or issues with the link, please email Mary Anne at: malarz@aol.com and she will register for you.

Our second program is scheduled for **June 18**. More information will be available soon for this meeting. We are grateful to the MSU College of Human Medicine for their collaboration with us as we work together to stay safe during this pandemic.

VBS 2020: NOW CANCELED

We are sad to announce that VBS scheduled for June 15-19 has been canceled. The safety of our children, crew and staff are of the utmost priority and we feel this is the best choice at this time.

VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP

Do you miss our time together after the service? We do! You're invited to join us for a virtual Friendship Hall each Sunday, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Grab a cup of your favorite coffee and a sweet snack and log on to Zoom. You can join the meeting by clicking on the link below:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#), or in your Zoom app enter Meeting ID: 837 9739 7682 and when asked for a password enter: Peoples

Don't have access to internet? No problem! You can still join us from ANY phone! Dial 1-312-626-6799 and when prompted for a meeting ID enter 837 9739 7682# and the password is 50803#.

WEDNESDAY EVENING COMMUNION

Join us Wednesdays for a brief service of prayer and communion. We will gather via Zoom from 6:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Bring your own bread and beverage and join us. Even though we are physically apart, we are one in Christ! To join the service click below:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 840 2168 7228

Password: 659729

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WELCOME HALEY HANSEN!

Haley Hansen has joined our staff as a pastoral intern. Many of you know Haley, who is a member of the church and currently enrolled in seminary at Boston University. Haley will split her time between pastoral care, working with the campus ministry, and participating in worship. She will also be helping us refresh our website content. We're so glad to have her back in East Lansing for the summer and so blessed to have her working with The Peoples Church! You may contact Haley at hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com.

THANK YOU, REV. TOM JONES!

Last fall, Tom Jones stepped in to provide pastoral care when we were short staffed. Even though he was very part-time, Tom has done a fabulous job connecting with our homebound members. Now that Haley Hansen has joined the staff, she is going to take over pastoral care from Tom. We are going to miss Tom's energy and enthusiasm. I don't know what we would have done without him! Thank you, Tom!

VIRTUAL GROUPS

The following groups/Bible studies continue to meet via Zoom each week. If you have any questions or have trouble accessing one of the groups, please contact the church office.

SERMON PREVIEW GROUP: meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. To join, [click here](#); Meeting ID: 832 3099 0430. You can also dial 1.929.205.6099 and when prompted enter 832 3099 0430.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE: meets each Monday at 11:00 a.m. 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 369 714 134#.

TUESDAY MORNING MENS GROUP: meets each Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. To join, [click here](#). The meeting ID is: 963 085 991. You can also dial 1.646.558.8656 and when prompted enter the meeting code 963 085 991. They are currently studying the Book of James.

WAYS TO GIVE

There are many ways to provide financial support for the ministry and mission of The Peoples Church. Please consider giving in one of the following ways:

1. Make a contribution by mailing a check or cash to the church at this address: 200 W.Grand River Ave., East Lansing, MI 48823.
2. We are able to accept stock gifts or funds from a tax deferred account for your Required Minimum Distribution.
3. Use your smartphone and make a gift by texting to 73256 and include the word **Peoples** in the message line. You will be sent a link that will take you to our GIVE website. Enter the amount and your account information. Be sure to tell us which fund you are donating to (most people give to the general fund).
4. Make a one-time gift or recurring gift through your REALM account. Follow the prompts on the screen.
5. If you have questions or need help, call the church and speak with our Office Administrator, Dee Przybylski. She can set up a single gift or recurring gift using a credit, debit card or checking account information.