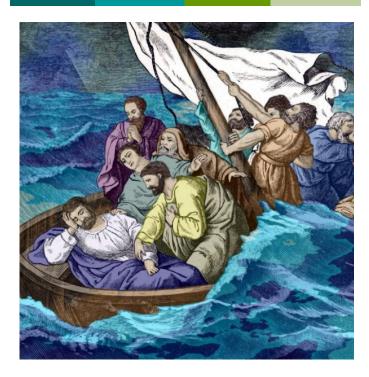
SUNDAY WORSHIP JUNE 27, 2021





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 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 between 5:00—6:00 p.m. 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

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

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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.

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Order of Service | June 27

Prelude "Voluntary in A Major" Judy Kabodian, Organ

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

William Selby

Call to Worship

Welcome

One All you who are heavy burdened come into God's presence.

Let all who are suffering find hope in this place.

All Our hope is in God, the maker of heaven and earth.

May the God of healing draw near in this hour.

One All you who are weary and oppressed, come into God's presence.

In this place, you will find help.

All God hears our prayers and answers us.

God enlists us to help those in need.

One Do not lose heart!

God is great, and God's mercy endures forever!

All We will sing songs of praise to the God of our salvation!

For God is great and God's mercy endures forever!

Gathering Hymn "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (v. 1-2,4-5) 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!

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

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 Gotthelf Glaser (1828); arr. Lowelll Mason (1839) Copyright: 2013 CUI#: 1698862

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, there are many times we feel forsaken and afraid rather than supported and comforted. We cry and hear no answers. We suffer and find no relief. We are tempted to blame you for not fixing every problem. When we face difficult challenges, we turn inward instead of opening ourselves to your healing touch. We know that you care but there are times we do not feel it. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sins. Help us in our time of need. We pray all this in Jesus' name. 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

Solo "Deep River" Arr. Moses Hogan Ben Clements, Bass

Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground. Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Scripture Mark 4:35-41

³⁵That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."

³⁶Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" ³⁹He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. ⁴⁰He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" ⁴¹They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Sermon "Do You Not Care?"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

No. 653

Hymn of Response "Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries" (v. 1, 5-6)

Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in troubled days with wondrous works to humankind that call for highest praise. Let all who know God's saving love sing grateful songs always.

If you have felt your courage fail before a violent sea and cried to God, who stilled the storm, and made the wild wind flee, then in the congregations praise the One who heard your plea.

So praise the One whose love is great, whose kindness is well-known. Consider well the healing hand and help you have been shown, and tell the world what God has done. Praise God and God alone!

Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries Text: Ruth Duck (2007)

Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, (1813); harm. Richard Proulx (1975) Copyright: 2013

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Prayers of the People

Rev. Penny Swartz

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)

Offertory

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, receive this offering as a sign of our renewed commitment to be more faithful. Show us how to use our gifts to make the world a peaceful place where all your children thrive and grow. We give and we live in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" (v. 1 & 2)

No. 835

Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee; let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. (**Refrain**)

Through this world of toils and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. (**Refrain**)

Just a Closer Walk with Thee Text and Music: Trad. North American Hymn Copyright: 2013

Benediction

Postlude "Festal Flourish" Gordon Jacob

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. 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 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 joining us, we are meeting in the Robertson Room each Tuesday at 7:30 am. We are wrapping up *Life on the Vine: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit* and will start a new book in the coming weeks.

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).

• 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.

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!

SUMMER PCYG: PCYG is having bimonthly summer events! Please contact Elisha Smith at esmith@thepeopleschurch.com to be added to the email list to stay updated on summer events, or if you know a 6th-12th grade student interested in joining PCYG!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Please join us in a Celebration of Life for Gwyneth Schroeder on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 11AM in the McCune Chapel at The Peoples Church. Gwyn and her husband Peter, who died in 2018, were members of the church since 1962. Their daughter, Judy and her husband Mark, invite you to share in this remembrance of Gwyn's life.

GRIEF RECOVERY GROUP

Loss takes many forms. Loss can be painfully obvious, or sometimes faintly irritating. All too often, however, we lack the skills to engage in our own healing. Rev. Penny Swartz will offer a seven-week grief group based on the work of the Grief Recovery Institute®, using *The Grief Recovery Handbook*. This is an action program for moving beyond death, divorce, and any number of other losses. Completion of homework assignments and participation in both group and one-on-one discussions is an expectation of the group process. Participants' willingness to be honest with themselves determines the helpfulness of this experience.

The Grief Recovery Group will meet on Sundays, following worship service, at 12 noon. We will gather in the Robertson Room. An orientation session will be June 27. The seven-week group sessions will begin July 11 and run through August 22. Materials will be provided.

Please contact Rev. Swartz for any additional information at pswartz@thepeopleschurch.com.

JULY PORTAL

Thank you for your patience as we have navigated this unprecedented time. The Portal, our monthly newsletter, will be resuming in July! If you would like to submit an update for your organization or group, please send articles to office@thepeopleschurch.com Submissions are due *July 7th*, and will be published as space is available. We look forward to hearing from you!

UNDIE SUNDAYS

UNDIE SUNDAYS are returning to Peoples Church starting Sunday June 13th and ending Sunday, August 15th. Community Engagement will be collecting NEW underwear (tees, underpants and socks) for school age children. Look for the red basket labelled KIDS STUFF at the welcome center. All underwear will be delivered to Judson Memorial Baptist Church's Love Clothing Closet. Questions? Contact Ruth Worthington at worthin2@msu.edu.

WPC ANNUAL JEWELRY SALE & USED BOOK SALE

Thank you to those members who have generously donated books for the used book sale. The organizers will no longer be taking books, but will still gladly accept jewelry donations through July 30. Please drop off in the church office anytime Monday - Friday (9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.) Sale will be Saturday, August 7, from 9am-6pm and Sunday, August 8, from 9am-2pm. Thanks to your generosity, they look forward to a very successful event.

Join Our Team

We are now hiring for the following positions:

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.

The Peoples Church is hiring a full-time (30 hours) support position:

• Communications Coordinator (requires expertise in Microsoft Suite)

The Peoples Church is also seeking a part-time *Custodian* (Monday-Friday 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

 $Please\ contact: \underline{personnel@thepeopleschurch.com}\ \ for\ more\ information.$

