

SUNDAY WORSHIP JUNE 7, 2020



"And remember, I am with you always,
to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:20



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

"All Glory Be to God on High"
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: Let us gather together and worship our God,
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

**All: God has poured out the Spirit on all people.
We will sing songs of praise!**

One: Let us seek God's presence and find our purpose,
In the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: God has given us the gift of true community.
We bring all that we are before God's presence!**

One: Let us embrace the mystery of the Triune God!

All: We will worship and praise the Lord!

Gathering Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" (verses 1, 3 and 4)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Text: Reginald Heber (1827)

Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1861); desc. David McKinley Williams (1948)

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Prayer of Confession

Amazing God, the more we learn of your creation, the more we are filled with awe and wonder. Yet our vision narrows to our limited concerns and we forget that you are not just with us, but with all. We confess we have not been good stewards of your world. We have not loved all your children as sisters and brothers. Our doubts often outweigh our obedience. O God, help us to fulfill our baptism and claim our role as your disciples. Help us believe we are forgiven and teach us to be forgiving. We pray all this in Christ's name. 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

Solo "The Lord's Prayer" Albert Hay Malotte
John Riesen, tenor

A Reading from Scripture Matthew 28:16-20
([Link to Passage](#))

Sermon "The Power of Three" Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Communion Hymn "In Christ Called to Baptize (Banquet)" (verses 2 and 3)

In Christ called to banquet, one table we share, a haven of welcome, a circle of care. Although we are many, we share in one bread. One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.

In Christ called to witness, by grace we shall preach the life-giving gospel; God's love we shall teach. By grace may our living give proof to our praise in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.

In Christ Called to Baptize
Text: Ruth Duck (1995)
Music: Welsh folk melody; adapt. in Caniadau y Cyssegr (1839)
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Communion

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of this moment. Through this shared meal, we, who are many, have become one body. May the peace and hope you have shared in this sacrament linger in our hearts. Amen.

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 One, in the midst of uncertainty, we dedicate this offering to your work through this church. Bless our giving and the ministry it supports. May our words and our actions bring peace, hope and healing to a world in need. Through your Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"O For a World" (verses 1, 2, 3 and 5)

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

O For a World

Text: Miriam Therese Winter (1987)

Music: Carl Gottlieb Gläser (1828); arr. Lowell Mason (1839)

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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

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Johann Pachelbel

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

Join us on **June 18**, via Zoom, for another Great Decisions presentation and discussion. We are partnering with the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University to bring you informative meetings in lieu of our usual in-person meetings. More information will be available soon for this meeting. If you have questions or issues with the link, please email Mary Anne at: malarz@aol.com.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

The Library Committee established a \$250 *Book Scholarship* to be awarded to a graduating high school senior, Class of 2020. After review of all applications, the committee is pleased to announce the recipient of this year's *Book Scholarship* is **Madeline Moreno**. Madeline will use the money from this scholarship toward the purchase of college books as she attends the University of Michigan this fall. We wish her the best as she continues her education!
-The Library Committee-

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. We look forward to gathering again for VBS in 2021.

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#.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

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. You can 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 also able to accept stock gifts or funds from a tax deferred account for your Required Minimum Distribution.
3. If you prefer to use your smartphone, you can make a gift by sending a text to 73256 and including the word **Peoples** in the message line. You will be sent a link that will take you to our GIVE website. Just 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. If you have set up your REALM account with The Peoples Church, you can make a one-time gift or recurring gift by logging onto your REALM account and following the prompts on the screen.
5. If you have questions or need help, just call the church and speak directly to our Office Administrator, Dee Przybylski. She can set up a single gift or recurring gift using a credit, debit card or checking account information. She'll need the amount of the gift and how you would like the gift applied.

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.