

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JULY 4, 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.

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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.

**MAKE A GIFT
ONLINE**

CLICK HERE!

Order of Service | July 4

Prelude “Air and Allegro” from *Water Music* G. F. Handel
Judy Kabodian, Organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Call to Worship

One The God of all nations calls us together.

Through God’s loving-kindness, we are one family.

**All We are all God’s children gathered in God’s house.
Let us worship our Creator, our Sustainer, our Savior.**

One In company with all those who have come before us,
Let us worship God with songs of praise and faith.

**All We are the body of Christ, a community of faith.
With joy in our hearts, we worship the Lord!**

Gathering Hymn “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” (v. 1 & 2) 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!

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong; Alleluia! Alleluia! In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

From All That Dwell Below the Skies
Text: Stanza 1, Isaac Watts (1719); stanza 2, A Pocket Hymn Book (1781)
Music: Geistliche Kirchengesang (1623)
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Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling to be a holy people, a people set apart for your divine purpose. We are prone to apathy and cynicism rather than a passion born of hope. We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice. We dream more of privilege and benefits than we do of service and sacrifice. Our words speak of a faith that our lives do not fully reveal. Help us to make room in our hearts and our lives for you. In your mercy, forgive us and renew our sense of possibility. In the name of Jesus Christ, hear our prayer. 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 “Be Thou My Vision” Arr. B. Henry, T. Schnute
Chris Glassman, Trombone

Scripture

Mark 6: 1-6

Jesus left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the Sabbath, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kind, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Sermon

“Local Boy Makes Good?” Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

“This Is My Song” (v. 1 & 2) No. 340

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country’s skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This Is My Song
Text: Stanzas 1-2, Lloyd Stone
Music: Jean Sibelius (1899); arr. The Hymnal (1933)
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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.

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 participating in this group, they meet each Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room. They are beginning the book, *They Were Christians: The Inspiring Faith of Men and Women Who Changed the World* by Cristobal Krusen and sharing how mentors in their lives inspired their faith journeys.

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.

Invitation to Give Offertory

[Give Now \(onrealm.org\)](https://onrealm.org)

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 life, bless this offering and all who serve in this church. May our gifts today be a sign for each other and the world that we pledge to work together in Christ's name to bring healing to this broken and hurting world. Amen.

Service of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, we have gathered in your house and felt your love and welcome. We have offered praise and thanksgiving. We have shared the bread and the wine. May the mystery of your presence, experienced in our worship and in this meal, bind us together into one family of faith. Amen.

Sending Hymn "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" (v. 1, 3-4) No. 516
For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore you seated at the heavenly board, may the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

For the Bread Which You Have Broken
Text and Music: Trad. North American Hymn
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Benediction and Response "Go Now In Peace"

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 "Toccatà" Gordon Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

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. 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.

SOUTHSIDE KITCHEN

Closed since January of 2020, Southside Kitchen is now reopening! Joanne Boss would like our faithful PC servers to assist on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 11:00-1:00 at the Galilee Baptist Church on Reo Rd. Please contact Janet Perron (jrperron@comcast.net, 517-337-2656), or Elizabeth in the church office, if you can assist. Know that your help is needed!

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 personnel@thepeopleschurch.com for more information.

