

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2020



*Alleluia!
He is risen!*



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.

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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 | April 12, 2020

Prelude

"Festive Processional"
Neil Mueller, trumpet
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Janet Linker

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: Rejoice you people! Rejoice and Sing!
This is a day the Lord has made!

All: **Jesus Christ is risen today!**
Our light and our hope are restored!

One: Come and see what God has done.
The tomb is empty. Life has conquered death.

All: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**
Christ is risen indeed!

Gathering Hymn

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

No. 232

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

*But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Text: Stanzas 1-3, Lyra Davidica (1708), stanza 4, Charles Wesley (1740)
Music: Lyra Davidica (1708); adapt from *The Compleat Psalmodist* (1749)
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Prayer of Confession

God of new life, we come to you hungry for good news. Our senses are dulled by doubt and fear. We cannot escape our fear of death so we cannot believe in your gift of life. We are deaf to the songs of angels and blind to the light of resurrection. In your mercy, holy God, forgive us. On this Easter Sunday, shake us awake and revive our faith. Restore in us a sense of hope. We pray this in the name of your risen son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. 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.**

Solo "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" *from Messiah* G.F. Handel
Michaela Larsen, soprano

First Reading Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
(Pew Bible Page 609; Large Print 898)

Children's Moment

Second Reading Matthew 28:1-10
(Pew Bible Page 999; Large Print 1,521)

Sermon "Begin Again" Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response "Crown Him With Many Crowns" No. 268

*Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer
and praise.*

His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

*Crown him the Lord of years; the potentate of time; creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

Crown Him With Many Crowns
Text: Matthew Bridges (1851);
Music: George Job Elvey (1868)
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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

"Sound the Trumpet"
Neil Mueller and Ren Mueller

Henry Purcell

[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 new life, on this extraordinary Easter Sunday, we dedicate our offering to your on-going work in the world. As you brought life out of death, may we bring hope where there is despair and healing where there is pain. Bless our giving and our living in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

No. 248

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Text: Brian Wren (1984)

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1824); adapt. Edward Hodges (1842)

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Benediction

Benediction Response

"Hallelujah Chorus" *from Messiah*

G.F. Handel

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#.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Parents! Don't forget your children can still receive their Sunday school Bible lessons! Kathi, our Children's CE Director, has prepared **Sunday School To Go Packets!** You can pick them up at the Welcome Desk at the NW Entrance. Stop by Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. to pick one up for each of your children. They will be labeled per classroom. Curriculum will also be available online; parents should receive an email with info. If you have questions, or did not receive an email, please contact Kathi at kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com.

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 1. 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.

2020 EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

IN MEMORY OF...

Linda Janecke and Zorob Kabodian, by Aram and Judy Kabodian

Dr. Curt Liechty, John Liechty, and families of Lana & Steve Wagner, by Stephen and Lana Wagner

Rev. Frank McAuley for his dedication to the Noon Men's Bible Study Group, by Stephen and Lana Wagner

Dr. Curt Liechty and our son, John, by Mary Liechty and family

Roy H. and Marion L. Heil, by Susan Heil-Godfrey

Mary Dalley, by her Daughters

Taylor J. Johnston, by Bill and Emily Anderson

George and Katie Kerr, by their children

Carol O. Ekern, by Fran Ekern

Our grandparents Polly and Jack Reed and Tom DeSimone, by Hallie and Christopher Reed

Taylor Johnston and the Peoples Church Heavenly Choir, by The Peoples Church Sanctuary Choir

Our parents, Jean and Norris Bryson & Irene and Clarence Coffman, by Carol and Sandy Bryson

Stanley and Doris Brower & Marie Brower, by Dave Brower

My parents, Kathryn and Hugh Beachler & brother Fred Beachler, by Ken Beachler

IN HONOR OF...

The Peoples Church Staff, by Bill and Emily Anderson

GENERAL...

Praying for Everyone's health, by Kellie Wells

