

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## MAY 24, 2020



"While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven."

Luke 24:51



### 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 | May 24, 2020

## **Prelude**

"Alleliua! Sing to Jesus"  
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams

## **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: In awe and wonder, we lift our eyes to the heavens.  
We raise our songs of praise to our loving Creator.

**All: Here and now, Christ has called us to be the church!  
We are witnesses to this truth!**

One: Let us celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus  
who lived on earth and dwells in heaven.

**All: We are an Easter people!  
Let us rejoice and praise the Lord!**

## **Gathering Hymn**

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" (verses 1-3)

No. 305

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

*Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme, empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

*Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide, as we in mission magnify the Crucified! In bold accord, come  
celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!  
Text: Brian Dill (1988)  
Music: John Darwall (1770)  
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## **Prayer of Confession**

**God of mercy, we confess that we have tried to limit your love to those who look and act like us. We have pretended to control things that are not ours to control. We have ignored the movement of the Holy Spirit when it blows in directions we'd prefer not to go. We have stood, staring into heaven, when you have told us to return to our everyday lives and look for you there. Forgive all the ways we have fallen short and give us the strength to live as you intend. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **Moment of Silence and Reflection**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Congregational Response** "There Is a Balm in Gilead" (refrain)

No. 792

**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** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" arr. Mark Hayes  
*Ben Maines, tenor*

**A Reading from Scripture** Luke 24:44-53  
([Link to Passage](#))

**Sermon** "God Unleashed" Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

**Hymn of Response** "To God Be the Glory" (verses 1) No. 634

*To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!*

To God Be the Glory  
Text: Fanny Jane Crosby (1875)  
Music: William Howard Doane (1875)  
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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**

**Gracious God, we dedicate this offering to the on-going work of Christ's church. Help us to move beyond uncertainty and anxiety so we might experience the peace of your presence. Bless all we say and do in Christ's name. Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" (verses 1, 2 and 5)

No. 265

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.*

*Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!*

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun  
Text: Isaac Watts (1719, alt)  
Music: Attr. John Hatton (1793)  
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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**

"Jesus is King"

Dick Torrains

## 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](mailto:matheso4@msu.edu).

### VBS 2020: POSTPONED

We are sad to announce that VBS scheduled for June 15-19 is postponed. We hope to reschedule in early August; please keep an eye out for updates. 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

Our virtual fellowship meeting will **not** take place today. Plan to virtually join us next Sunday, May 31, after our 10:30 a.m. worship service and bring your favorite cup of coffee and dessert!

### MONDAY MORNING BIBLE...

will **not** meet on May 25 due to the Memorial Day holiday. Monday Morning Bible will resume on Monday, June 1 at 11:00 a.m. Meeting details on how to join via Zoom will be provided in next Sunday's bulletin.

### 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

### 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.

**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.

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## 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.