

SUNDAY WORSHIP JULY 26, 2020



"...in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

Romans 8:37

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
Children's Sunday School

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

WNL! programming will return when it is safe to do so. Updates will be provided as they happen.

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

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Flor Peeters

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: Step out of the chaos of life and dwell in the calm eternity of God.

All: God is our creator and an ever-present source of strength in times of trouble.

One: Turn away from the noisy demands of life and listen for God's voice in the silence.

All: God is our savior and an ever-present source of hope in time of trouble.

One: If God is for us, who can stand against us?

**All: Nothing will separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus!
Come let us worship the Lord!**

Gathering Hymn

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" (verses 1 and 3)

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there, where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer; O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.

Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be done indeed; may I undisturbed draw near thee, while thou dost thy people feed. Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
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Music: Arthur Henry Messiter (1883)
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Prayer of Confession

O God, you gave us a garden of Eden and we chose to wander in deserts of our own making. You gave us the Light of the world and we chose to dwell in darkness. Forgive us for squandering your gifts and wandering far from you. Forgive our lack of commitment and all the ways we have fallen short of your glory. Do not forget your covenant with us, O God, and in your love, help us find our way back to you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment of Silence and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response "Spirit of the Living God"

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Children's Moment

Special Music

"Beautiful Savior"

arr. Nancy Grundahl

Will Johnson, tenor

A Reading from Scripture Romans 8:26-39

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

God's Love in Christ Jesus

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sermon

"More Than Conquerors"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

"When Peace Like a River" (verses 1 and 3)

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought. My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

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

Lord God, we offer to you the work of our hands and the loyalty of our hearts. Accept us and accept our gifts, all dedicated to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Lead On, O King Eternal" (verses 1 and 3)

Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; hence-forth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong, and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears; your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light. The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

Lead On, O King Eternal!
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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

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

arr. Flor Peeters

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHANGE IN WORSHIP TIMES

It has been decided to put our 8:30 a.m. worship service on pause for now. We will continue to hold an in-person worship service at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary as well as livestream our service at the same time. We look forward to seeing you, whether in person or virtually, each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.!

UNDIE SUNDAYS HAVE RETURNED!

Community Engagement is again collecting NEW underwear and socks for school aged children (K-12). Collected items will go to the Love Clothing Closet at Judson Memorial Baptist Church. Please bring in your donations to the church and place in the red collection basket (located outside the church office at the Northeast entrance). Donations will be accepted until August 17.



INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?

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 to learn more about our amazing community of faith!

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 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#.

* 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.

VIRTUAL GROUPS

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 studying the book, *White Fragility*, by Robin Diangelo.

WELCOME BACK!

We are glad to have you with us in person to worship together once again!

Rest assured we are doing our part to provide a safer environment for worship. We ask that you do your part and screen yourself for potential COVID-19 symptoms prior to coming to the church building. **DO NOT** come if you are feeling unwell, are experiencing any symptoms of illness, or if you have come into contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

While here, please wear a mask, practice social distancing and follow the safety measures that we have put in place for the safety of everyone.



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.