

SUNDAY WORSHIP AUGUST 30, 2020

Do not be overcome by evil, but
overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:21

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 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

"Prelude to the Te Deum"

Neil Mueller, trumpet

Judy Kabodian, organ

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

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 worship God, our light and our salvation.
Let all who draw breath praise the Lord!

**All: We desire to live in God's house
for the Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

One: God is righteous and good;
God's judgment is reliable.

**All: With shouts of joy, we gather to worship!
Let all who draw breath praise the Lord!**

Gathering Hymn

"Come Sing to God" (verses 1 and 4)

Come sing to God, O living saints; sing praises to God's name. God's anger is not permanent; God's love will never wane. Though tears may tarry for the night with sighs of deepest pain, yet joy comes with the morning sun, a peace that is not vain.

You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sorrows you destroy. In faithfulness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy. And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your goodness raise. You are my God, forever more. My life shall sing your praise.

Come Sing to God

Text: Fred R. Anderson (1986)

Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle (1784); alt. (1868)

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Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we have not been faithful to your commands. We have been more willing to condemn than to console, more eager to justify ourselves than to work for understanding. We fan the flames of dissent instead of welcoming the freeing power of forgiveness. We speak for you rather than listening to you. Our sins are ever before us and we need your help. Forgive our sins and help us to mend our ways. We pray this 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

Solo "Concerto in E^b Major: Mvt. II" Franz Joseph Haydn
Neil Mueller, trumpet

A Reading from Scripture Romans 12:9-21

Marks of the True Christian

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Sermon "Vengeance is Mine!" Rev. Dr. Shawthea Monroe

Hymn of Response "Help Us Accept Each Other" (verses 1, 2 and 4)

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on: renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!

Help Us Accept Each Other
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Music: Doreen Potter (1974)
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Prayers of the People & 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.

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

Bless this offering, gracious God, and bless the ministry of this church. Help us to be good stewards not just of our treasure but of our talents and time. May our giving and our living be in line with your will. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Make a Joyful Noise to God!" (verses 1 and 3)

Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings your praise! Great your wonders here displayed, unexcelled throughout our days. Glorious is your sacred name, ages old, yet still the same.

Bless the Lord, our refuge sure; let our songs of praise be heard! By whose justice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt deferred. When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heavenly home.

Make a Joyful Noise to God!
Text: Michael Morgan (1995); alt.
Music: Conrad Kocher (1838); abr. William Henry Monk (1861); harm. The English Hymnal (1906)
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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

"Recessional"

Robert Cundick

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ON THE CUSP OF STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is a lay ministry that provides Christian caregiving to church members going through difficult times. Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of intensive training which—together with the grace of God—equips them with essential skills to offer this Christ-centered care. We plan to have a group of Stephen Ministers in training (probably a hybrid of face-to-face and Zoom meetings) by the end of this fall. Aram Kabodian completed Stephen Leader training and is looking for a few more people interested in becoming Stephen Ministers. Please keep this ministry in your prayers; we hope to have the program in place for you before spring. For more information, go to stephenministries.org; also, if you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, call the church office or email Aram at akabodian@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FOR AN UNDIE SUNDAY SUCCESS!

A note of deep gratitude to The Peoples Church congregation for the enthusiastic response to the Undie Sunday drive. BEST RESPONSE EVER!!! Carry with you the warm feeling that comes from your generosity . . . until next year!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is postponed until further notice; however, we will continue to provide materials to those families who request it. Contact Kathi Mitchell at: kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com for more information.

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

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. 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.

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.

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive
The Peoples Church

Wednesday, September 23, 2020
1:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

To schedule an appointment log onto RedCrossBlood.org
and enter sponsor code: Peoples Church EL

*Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes
by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation
reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.*

