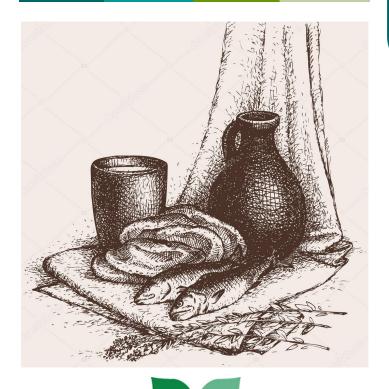
## SUNDAY WORSHIP JULY 25, 2021



# 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 nterpreters for our 10:30 a.m. worship service and for special events.

#### THE PEOPLES CHURCH STAFF

Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri., and Sunday mornings. Phones are monitored from 9:00 a.m. to 2: 00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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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 <u>here</u>!

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 25

Prelude

"For the Beauty of the Earth" Vicki Walker, Piano arr. Richard Kingsmore

Please take this opportunity to fill out the black attendance pad, found at the end of your pew!

#### Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

#### Call to Worship\*

- One People of God, look around you and see the faces of those we know and love. Neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers, a beloved church family.
- All God called me by name and opened the doors to God's house. In this place, I am welcome.
- One People of God, look around you and see the faces of those we hardly know. Strangers, visitors, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.
- All God called you by name and opened the doors to God's house. In this place, you are welcome.
- One People of God, look around you and see all the images of God gathered here. In me, in you, in each and every one.
- All The light of grace shines in each face. The law of love rules in this place. We are one in the Spirit! Let us worship God together!

Gathering Hymn\* "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" (v. 1, 3-4) No. 757

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord, to help to set the captive free, make plow share out of sword, to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a might stream, with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem. For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease, a world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living word, and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard. As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples Text: H. Kenn Carmichael (1985) Music: English County Songs (1893) Copyright: 2013 CLI#: 1698862

\*Please stand if able

#### **Prayer of Confession\***

God of redeeming grace, have mercy upon us. You told us to travel light, yet we overburden ourselves. You commissioned us to preach repentance, yet we resist changing ourselves. You cautioned us to avoid violence, yet we are quick to confront others. You called us to be reconcilers, yet we create divisions. Forgive our sins and restore our hope. Guide us in the ways of Christ that lead to fullness of life. 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

"Prayer of Mother Teresa" Melanie Walker, Soprano Craig Courtney

Lord, help me spread Your fragrance. Lord, help me spread Your fragrance wherever I go, where'er I go. (Repeat) Flood my soul with Your Spirit. Flood my soul with Your Spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that my life may be only, my life may be only a radiance of Yours. Shine through me, and be so in me, be so in me that ev'ry soul I know will feel Your presence in my soul. Lord, help me spread Your fragrance wherever I go. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only You.

Scripture

John 6: 1-21

Sermon

"Something to Share" Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

*Hymn of Response*\* "Break Thou the Bread of Life" (v. 1 & 2)

no. 460

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord. My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me, as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee. Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall. And I shall find my peace, may all in all.

Break Thou the Bread of Life Text: Mary Ann Lathbury (1877) Music: William Fisk Sherwin (1877) Copyright: 2013 CCLI#: 1698862

Prayers of the People

Rev. Penny Swartz

\*Please stand if able

#### 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

Give Now (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\***

Bless these gifts, O God, and our intentions. Let the spirit in which we give them be your Spirit. Let the ministry of this church be your ministry and the love we share be your love. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### Sending Hymn\*

"Live into Hope" (v. 1 - 4)

No. 772

Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee.

*Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity, removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.* 

Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be, the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

Live into Hope Text: Jane Parker Huber (1976) Music: *Musicia Sacra* (1778) Copyright: 2013 CCLI# 1698862

**Benediction**\*

Postlude

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Pamela M. Robertson

#### \*Please stand if able



**Floral Dedication** 

In celebration of our mother, Marilyn Harding, on her birthday today. From Joel, David, Michael Harding and Susan Kilmer

## **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 <u>here</u>. 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 <u>haleyhansen02@gmail.com</u> if you are interested in receiving the Zoom link!

**SUMMER PCYG:** PCYG is having bimonthly summer events! If you would like to be added to the email list, or know a 6th-12th grade student interested in joining PCYG, please contact Elisha Smith at <u>esmith@thepeopleschurch.com</u>.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

Please join us in a Celebration of Life for Darold and Judy McCalla. Their service will be held in the Sanctuary, at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 31st. Darold and Judy are survived by their children - Mary Kay, Julie and John. Please keep the family in your prayers during this time.

## **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

George and Sam Brookover invite you to join them in celebrating the lives of Patty and Eliza Brookover. Patty and Eliza, members of The Peoples Church since 1965, were very active in the church and church groups. A service to honor them will be held in the Sanctuary at 1 p.m. on Friday, August 6th.

## **REALM CONNECT APP**

The free Realm Connect App, found on either the Google Play Store or the iPhone App Store, is an easy way to stay connected with The Peoples Church. The online directory, calendar of events, and records of your giving, are all features easily accessible at the touch of you fingers. If you have any questions about connecting to The Peoples Church contact Beth Lundy, blundy@thepeopleschurch.com, or call the church office.



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## UNDIE SUNDAYS

UNDIE SUNDAYS are continuing at Peoples Church through 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 <u>worthin2@msu.edu</u>.

# WPC ANNUAL JEWELRY SALE & USED BOOK SALE

Thank you to those 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 donations in the church office anytime between the hours on 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. The Jewelry and Used Book sale will run from Saturday, August 7, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., to Sunday, August 8, 9 a.m. -2 p.m.. The Used Book sale will be held in the Snider Social Hall, and the Jewelry sale in the basement Gymnasium. Hope to see you there!

## LOST AND FOUND

With in person service resuming, there has been a large influx of missing items being turned in. If you have recently misplaced any personal items and believe them to be lost in the church, please stop by the church office! Any items not claimed will be donated to the Jewelry sale.

## 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: <u>djohnson@thepeopleschurch.com</u> 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*! Hours would be Monday-Friday, 5 p.m.-10 p.m.

Please contact <u>personnel@thepeopleschurch.com</u> for more information.

