

SUNDAY WORSHIP

July 31st, 2022



Sunday Schedule

Worship Service: 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Livestreamed on YouTube.

Sunday School is available after the Children's Moment.

Nursery Care is available for Children Under 3.

ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome ASL interpreters for our Sunday worship service and for special events.

Sensory Tool Kit

A Sensory Tool Kit is reserved for individuals who get overstimulated during church services and need something to help calm the nervous system. The kit can be borrowed at the Welcome desk.



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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. Bev Mason, 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,
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service via
telephone,
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Order of Service | July 31st, 2022

Prelude

Adagio from *Occasional Oratorio*
Judy Kabodian, Organist

G.F. Handel

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

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

***Call to Worship** (Based on Psalm 107)

One: Give thanks for the Lord's goodness,
God's love is steadfast and forever.

**All: God has gathered us from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south, and rescued us from trouble.**

One: When we wandered as if in the desert,
hungry and thirsty,

**All: God heard our cries and revived our fainting souls,
leading us home.**

One: Give thanks for God's steadfast love,
for the wonderful things God has done and is doing.

**All: God's grace satisfies the hunger in our hearts
and fills us with compassion, hope, and peace.
We will worship and praise God always! Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn**

Morning Has Broken (v. 1-3)

no. 664

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

Prayer of Confession

God of abundance, we focus so much attention on the things in our lives. We want more, we want what others have, and the fear of scarcity forces us to hold on too tightly to what we already possess. We fail to trust in your generous nature. Forgive us for missing opportunities to be more generous with our lives. Show us how to use what we have and who we are to bring hope and offer help to others. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

**Confession Response*

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

no. 469

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

New Members

Quinn & Xander Guthaus

Elder: Let us, the members of The Peoples Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our common faith as expressed in our church's covenantal statement. Please stand and join in the confession of faith as found in the bulletin.

Confession of Faith

We believe the teachings of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and with the help of God, we will strive daily to live the life of purity, unselfishness, and service which Christ exemplified to the world.

Solo

Holy, Holy, Holy
Nick Kreider, baritone

Arr. Mark Hayes

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity! Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Scripture

Luke 12: 13-21

pg. 727

Sermon

“I Like Big Barns and I Cannot Lie”

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

Hymn of Response

We Give Thee but Thine Own (v. 1-4)

no. 708

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace: It is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be; what e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

We Give Thee but Thine Own
Text: William Walsham How, 1858
Music: Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850
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Pastoral Prayer and 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

****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

Dear God, everywhere we look, we see places where your creation groans. May we never become numb to the suffering of others and may these gifts, with your blessing, be a balm to those in need. This is our prayer and our promise. Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

God of the Fertile Fields (v. 1-4)

no. 714

God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread: forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned, that all in every land be clothed and fed.

We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give; help us in love to share, teach us like you to care for people everywhere, that all may live.

As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our toil be used, no gift of yours abused, no humble task refused your love bestows.

God of the country side, dear to the Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our lives anew in faithful love to you. Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Benediction

Benediction Response*

no. 853

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo, we are marching in the light of God.

Postlude

Festival Voluntary
Judy Kabodian, organ

Flor Peeters



Floral Dedication

Today's floral arrangements were given by Julie DeGraw
in memory of Rev. Marilyn DeGraw.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: *We will be worshipping at 9:30 a.m. until September 4th.* This will provide some relief from parking congestion and prepare us (we hope!) to return to a schedule of two services (8:30/10:30) in the fall.

FOLLOW US!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH DIRECTORIES: Pictorial directories can now be picked up in the office, during office hours. As always, our online [Realm](#) network is the most up-to-date directory.

If you cannot find a directory copy with your name on it, need help signing into Realm, or have noticed an error, please contact Beth Lundy at blundy@thepeopleschurch.com or 517-332-5073 x 4453 and she will assist you.

UNDIE SUNDAYS: Again this summer, Community Engagement will be sponsoring the collection of NEW underwear (preferably underpants and socks) for school age children grades K-12. Donations may be left in the red Kids Stuff basket located at the Welcome Center. Collection will end August 14th, at which time the donations will be delivered to the Love Clothing Closet at Judson Memorial Baptist Church. Again, thank you all for a long history of enthusiastic response to this need.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH



A.C.H.E.: Adults Connecting Having Events will meet Monday, August 1st at 6:30 p.m. For more information about this young adult group, follow [ache_thepeopleschurch](#) on Instagram or Contact Pastor Devon at dherrell@thepeopleschurch.com.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday morning men's group has started a **new book:** *The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God* by Dallas Willard. Now is a great time to join the group! We continue to meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.

NEW BIBLE STUDY: Starting August 3rd, the Wednesday Bible Study will become 'Engaging the Word'. Led by Pastor Shawnthea, this group will meet on Zoom from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. The texts discussed will include passages for up-coming sermons along with other topics of interest. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81906921959>. Beginning Monday, September 12th, Engaging the Word will also be offered IN PERSON in the Robertson Room from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Please join us in-person on Mondays or via Zoom on Wednesdays! All are welcome!