

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## August 7th, 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  
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# Order of Service | August 7th, 2022

## **Prelude**

For the Beauty of the Earth  
Vicki Walker, piano

arr. Jon Schmidt

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

## **Welcome**

Rev. Penny Swartz

## **\*Call to Worship**

One: Our faith draws us together this day.

Let us trust enough to open our ears and our hearts.

**All: We have heard the imaginings of God in other times;  
Our ancestors have kept the story alive for us.**

One: Give ear, all people, to God's word for today.

Taste the bounty of what the Holy imagines for us now.

**All: We long for a faith that makes sense today.  
May we keep the living word alive for new generations.**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar (v. 1-4)

no. 201

*A prophet-woman broke a jar, by Love's divine appointing. With rare perfume she filled the room, presiding and anointing. A prophet-woman broke a jar, the sneers of scorn defying. With rare perfume she filled the room, preparing Christ for dying.*

*A faithful woman left a tomb by Love's divine commission. She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, arising from submission. A faithful woman left a tomb, with resurrection gospel. She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, apostle to apostles.*

*Though woman-wisdom, woman-truth, for centuries were hidden, unsung, unwritten, and unheard, derided and forbidden, the Spirit's breath, the Spirit's fire, on free and slave descending, can tumble our dividing walls, our shame and sadness mending.*

*The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls, by Love's divine ordaining, the friends we need, to serve and lead, their powers and gifts unchaining. The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls, from women, men, and children, the friends we need, to serve and lead. Rejoice, and make them welcome!*

A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar  
Text: Brian Wren 1991  
Music: Robert Lowry, 1869, alt.  
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### ***Prayer of Affirmation***

**Today we live in the quiet and joyous expectation of good. God is interwoven in our lives, taking substance in everything we do. God is not the only actor, but acts through each of us. God is both the giver and the gift; a gift we are invited to receive in joy, with gratitude, and with a complete sense of security. Let us be open to new and wonderful experiences that come to us, living in confidence that God's imagined kingdom of peace and plenty flows to us and through us to others.**

### ***Moment of Silent Reflection***

### ***Words of Assurance***

### ***Passing the Peace of Christ***

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

### ***Children's Moment***

#### ***Solo***

Keep Me, O Lord

Doug Austin

Melanie Walker, soprano

Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of your eye; Shelter me under the shadow of your wings. Lead me, O Lord, show me the way to live; I need your love, Lord, pour it on me. Pity me, Lord, I am weak, I am afraid; Hear me and heal me; how long, O Lord, how long? You are a lamp, you make my darkness bright; I need your love, Lord, pour it on me. Rescue me, Lord, from evil in the world; Rid me of trouble, distress and wickedness. Your mercy's great, I stand in awe of you; I need your love, Lord, pour it on me. Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of your eye; Shelter me under the shadow of your wing. My journey's long; be with me to the end; I need your love, Lord, pour it on me.

***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***

**We dedicate these gifts to you, O God, as an expression of our faith. However, you have placed your faith in us that we will be good stewards of these offerings. Open our minds and our hearts that we might imagine and implement the best possible uses of these resources. May this act of giving draw us closer to you and extend a blessing to all who are helped through our sharing. Amen.**

***Service of Communion***

*Invitation*

*Prayer of Consecration and Blessing*

*Words of Institution*

*Sharing of Bread and Cup*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Gracious God, may your gifts of love transform and enliven us that we may live lives of thanksgiving. May your presence among us provoke such longing for your realm, that we will never be satisfied until the whole earth knows your justice, your peace, and your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **\*Sending Hymn**

Will You Come and Follow Me (v. 1-5)

no. 726

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown; Will you let my name be known; will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

*Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?*

*Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*

*Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?*

*Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

Will You Come and Follow Me  
Text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987  
Music: Scottish Melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987  
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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**

Rejoice, the Lord is King  
Vicki Walker, piano

arr. Dan Forrest

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Peoples 101

**Today after worship**, the Welcome Ministry will host a Peoples 101 in the Robertson Room. This serves as an informal information session about the church history and ministries. All are welcome to stop by!

## FALL KICK-OFF SEPTEMBER 11TH

Following worship on September 11th, The Peoples Church will be having a Ministry Fair and our Annual Chicken Dinner! The Ministry Fair will give the congregation an opportunity to get involved with committees and church groups that will start up in the fall. The Chicken Dinner officially launches our fall activities with a community feast!



### Save the Date

Celebration of the 115th anniversary of The Peoples Church!

Saturday, October 1st - 6 to 8 p.m.

(More details to be announced in September)



**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** *We will be worshipping at 9:30 a.m. through September 4th.* This will provide some relief from parking congestion and prepare us to return to a schedule of two services in the fall. 10:30 a.m. worship will begin September 11th, with an additional 8:30 a.m. service starting on 18th.

## **WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH**



**A.C.H.E.:** Adults Connecting Having Events will meet Monday, August 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Ozone Brewhouse for board games. Meet at the Peoples Church at 6:15 p.m. if you need a ride. For more information about this young adult group, follow [ache\\_thepeopleschurch](#) on Instagram or Contact Pastor Devon at [dherrell@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto: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.

**ENGAGING THE WORD:** Led by Pastor Shawnthea, this group will meet Wednesdays 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!

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