

SUNDAY WORSHIP

AUGUST 15, 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 interpreters 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
[here!](#)

To join the worship
service via telephone,
please dial
(844) 933-0517
and follow the prompts.

**MAKE A GIFT
ONLINE**

CLICK HERE!

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Prelude

“Pavane”
Judy Kabodian, Organ

Robert Elmore

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 We have gathered to worship God.

**All We have come seeking comfort,
inspiration, community, and insight.**

One We have come to open ourselves
to the power of God’s presence in our midst.

**All We have come to offer up the seasons
and the turnings in our lives,
and to ask God’s help in our learning and in our growing.**

One People of God, let us worship together.

***Gathering Hymn**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (v. 1-4)

no. 12

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might: thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight. All praise we would render; O help us to see ‘tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Text: Walter Chalmers Smith (1867)
Music: Welsh folk melody (1839)
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Prayer of Confession

We need your healing, merciful God; give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your Word to us; set us free to serve you. 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

“Walk Together Children”
Nick Kreider, Baritone

arr. Moses Hogan

Refrain: Oh walk together children, don't you get weary, walk together children, don't you get weary, walk together children, don't you get weary, there's a great camp meetin' in the promised lan'.

Gonna walk and never tire (Refrain)

Gonna sing and never tire (Refrain)

Gonna shout and never tire (Refrain)

Walk together children, don't you get weary, sing together children, don't you get weary, shout together children, don't you get weary, there's a great camp meetin', great camp meetin', great camp meetin' in the promised, promised lan'.

Scripture

1 Kings 2: 10-12 and 3:3-14

Sermon

“Be Careful What You Pray For”

Rev. Penny Swartz

***Hymn of Response**

“Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom” (v. 1-3)

no. 174

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom, she who danced when earth was new. Follow closely what she teaches, for her words are right and true. Wisdom clears the path to justice, showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom, crying in the marketplace. Hear the Word made flesh among us, full of glory, truth, and grace. When the word takes root and ripens, peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us; nurture all who seek rebirth. Spirit guide and close companion, bring to light our sacred worth. Free us to become your people, holy friends of God and earth.

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom
Text: Ruth Duck (1993)
Music: Donna Kasbohm (1995)
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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 \(onrealm.org\)](http://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***

We bring our gifts to you, God. Here is the work of our hands, and here is the love of our hearts. Accept us and our offering, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (v. 1 & 2)

no. 65

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want now more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Text: William Williams (1762)
Music: John Hughes (1907)
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****Benediction***

Postlude

"Marche Triumphant"

Walter Sassmannshausen

****Please stand as able***

VIRTUAL GROUPS

Below are some of our currently offered Bible studies or fellowship groups that meet virtually, via Zoom.

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 esmith@thepeopleschurch.com.

SERMON PREVIEW GROUP: meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the meeting [here](#). Meeting ID: 883 8071 4830. You can also dial 1 929 205 6099 and when prompted enter 883 8071 4830.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S 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 reading 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 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 haleyhansen02@gmail.com if you are interested in receiving the Zoom link!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER SOCIAL

Our August social will be at the Holmstrom-Fingland home on Sunday, August 22 at 3703 Toles Rd., Mason. This will be a family-friendly gathering from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. RSVP to the Church at 517-332-5073 or office@thepeopleschurch.com. If there is rain the event will be canceled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

Come join the fun in Sunday School! Classes begin 9/19 and we are looking for teachers to add to our roster.

Things you need to know:

- You can teach as often or as little as you like!
- Simple lessons and crafts are all planned out for you in advance.
- You don't need to be a Biblical scholar, just someone with a heart for kids!
- Schedules are flexible around vacations, school breaks, holidays and other special events.
- You don't have to miss all of church! You can enjoy the 10:30 service until the Children's Moment, then later watch the sermon from home on our YouTube channel!

Please contact Kathi Mitchell, kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com, for more information. Thank you!

PORTAL SUBMISSIONS

Submissions are due TODAY, **August 15th**, and will be published as space is available.

Please send articles to office@thepeopleschurch.com

WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP

There will be an administrative meeting of this men's group on Wednesday, September 8 at 12noon in the church library. The group will resume their regular weekly Wednesday noon meetings on September 15, and will begin discussing the book *The Tyranny of Merit* by Michael Sandel. The group meets in the church library.

GREAT DECISIONS

We are pleased to share the good news that our Great Decisions programs will now be coordinated by the MSU's AgeAlive Senior Ambassadors Town & Gown program, beginning on August 31 with speaker Gabriella Karin, a survivor of the Holocaust who is dedicated to helping people to understand the history of the Holocaust so that it is not repeated. Gabriella is also an accomplished artist whose work is inspired by the Holocaust. The Town & Gown program will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 5pm to 6:30pm. Participants may either attend in the Robertson Room or join by Zoom. Our Great Decisions program on Human Trafficking, presented by Dr. Amanda Flaim, will be highlighted at the September 21st presentation. The weekly topics from a wide variety of excellent speakers will be announced in our monthly Portals and in our weekly eblast and Bulletins. We invite you to join us as we welcome Town & Gown to our church community! You can register to [attend via this link](#).

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 your fingers. If you have any questions about connecting to The Peoples Church contact Beth Lundy, blundy@thepeopleschurch.com, or call the church office.

Join Our Team

We are now hiring for the following positions:

Peoples Church Preschool is looking for Full-Time, and Part-Time *Teachers*. Applicants must have a degree in Early Childhood Education or equivalent. Please contact the preschool at: djohnson@thepeopleschurch.com for more information.

The Peoples Church is hiring a full-time (30 hours) support position:

- *Graphic Artist/Communications Specialist*: Strong applicants for this position will possess a working knowledge of Microsoft Suite, MailChimp, and Adobe InDesign. A portfolio of past work may be requested.

Please contact personnel@thepeopleschurch.com for more information.

