

SUNDAY WORSHIP

AUGUST 29, 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 PROGRAMMING

A community meal is 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. For more details, check out The Peoples Church Facebook page.

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

Meditation from “Thais”
Judy Kabodian, Organ

Jules Massanet

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 Come with joy and gladness to praise and honor God.
Come into God’s house, for we stand on holy ground.

**All God is gracious and merciful, full of compassion.
We listen for the sound of God’s voice.**

One Give ear, all you people, and hear God’s word.
Give thanks for all the ways God guides us.

**All We will hear God’s word and do God’s work.
Let us worship with our wonderful Creator!**

***Gathering Hymn**

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets” (v. 1-3)

no. 23

God, you spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain, mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine, wind, and rain. We, created in your image, would a true reflection be of your justice, grace, and mercy and the truth that makes us free.

You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry. We respond in grateful worship joined in one community. When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole. Healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward your goal.

God, your word is still creating, calling us to life made new. Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there’s work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care. Thus, new creatures, in your image, we’ll proclaim Christ everywhere.

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets
Text: Jane Parker Huber (1978)
Music: American melody (1830)
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Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we do not understand our own actions. We turn away from the good we are intent on doing. We recognize the truth and beauty of your Word yet we get bogged down in our own concerns. We are too busy to seek community and too preoccupied to ponder your will for us. We go our own way, cutting ourselves off from you and from this family of faith. Forgive us, O God, and help us to put away this sin. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Congregational Response***

no. 516, v. 2

**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

"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"
Christine Roberts, Mezzo-Soprano

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace! My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace. He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin, He sets the pris'ner free; His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever giv'n, by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n, by saints below and saints above, glory be to God and praise.

Scripture

James 1:17–27

Sermon

"Shaped By Love"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

****Hymn of Response***

"How Happy Are the Saints of God" (v. 1-3)

no. 457

How happy are the saints of God who do not heed the wicked way; delighting in the holy Word they seek God's wisdom night and day.

Like deeply rooted trees, they stand beside an ever-flowing stream. Their fruit is plentiful and good; their leaves are always growing green.

While wicked ones are whisked away like straw before the driving wind, the saints are firmly planted still, and God will keep them to the end.

How Happy Are the Saints of God
Text: David Gambrell (2009)
Music: William Knapp (1738)
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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***

Accept our offering of praise and our offering of gifts, O God. Bless the money we dedicate to the work of this church so that our ministry might extend the Good News to all people who need to hear this word. May all we say and do bring glory to your name. Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

“We All Are One in Mission” (v. 1-3)

no. 733

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

We All Are One in Mission
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Music: Memmingen ms. (17th. Cent.)
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****Benediction***

Postlude

“On This Glad Day”

Domenico Scarlatti

****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.

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

HAITI AND AFGHANISTAN: HOW TO HELP

Watching the crises unfold in Haiti and Afghanistan, it's easy to feel discouraged and hopeless. How can we help? First, include the people of Haiti and Afghanistan in your prayers. Second, consider a gift of financial support to organizations working to alleviate suffering in those countries. In Haiti, the United Church of Christ has an active presence working with Global H.O.P.E. This means more of the money we give will get to the people in need. In Afghanistan, one of the most effective relief organizations is the International Rescue Committee, a worldwide non-governmental organization (NGO) that provides humanitarian support to people displaced by war and natural disasters. If you wish to make a gift, the links are:

<https://www.ucc.org/ucc-haiti-appeal/>

<https://www.rescue.org/country/afghanistan>

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

GREAT DECISIONS

We are please to share the good news that our Great Decisions program will now be coordinated by the MSU's AgeAlive Senior Ambassadors Town & Gown program, beginning on **August 31 at 5 p.m.** 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. The weekly topics from a wide variety of excellent speakers will be announced in our monthly Portals and in our weekly eblast and Bulletins. To learn more about our speaker Gabriella Karin, and to see upcoming talks, look [here](#). We invite you to join us as we welcome Town & Gown to our church community! You can register to [attend via this link](#).

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.

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!

PEOPLES FORUM

The Peoples Forum will be returning in September!

Please keep an eye out for

weekly announcements in the bulletin and the September schedule in the September Portal.





Kickoff Sunday!

Mark your calendars—Kickoff Sunday at The Peoples Church is September 19th! Join us in celebrating and enjoy a delicious chicken lunch! This will be an excellent opportunity to meet our new Associate Pastor, Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell.

Menu

Fried Chicken ~ Baked Chicken
Redskin Potato Wedges
Wild Rice with Mushrooms
Mixed Greens Salad
Dinner Roll
Fresh Fruit Bowl

Children's Table Menu

Chicken Tenders
Macaroni & Cheese
Veggies & Dip
Fresh Fruit
Coffee ~ Tea ~ Ice Water
~ Lemonade

Join Our Team!

Peoples Church Preschool is looking for Full-Time, and Part-Time *Teachers*. Applicants must have a degree in Early Childhood Education or equivalent. For more information please contact the preschool.