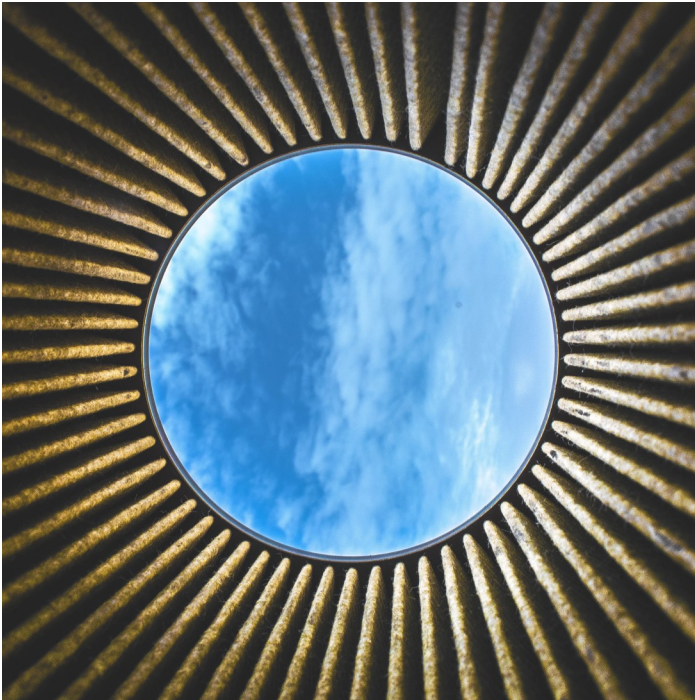


SUNDAY WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 5, 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!](#)

Order of Service | September 5, 2021

Prelude

Voluntary in D Flat Major
Judy Kabodian, Organ

David N. Johnson

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 From east and west, north and south,
We come to praise our Creator.

**All From all walks of life, we come to God's house
All are welcome in this place.**

One Whether we came out of habit or out of need,
The Spirit meets us in this place.

**All God has blessed us with diversity and we celebrate that gift!
Come, let all God's beloved children worship the Lord!**

***Gathering Hymn**

"Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven" (v. 1-2, 4)

no. 511

Come, behold! the feast of heaven Alleluia! Has to mortal flesh been given. Alleluia! Hear the Word of God declared: Alleluia! "Come! The banquet is prepared." Alleluia!

All is ready, come attend Alleluia! As the Lord's invited friend; Alleluia! Come from north, west, south, and east; Alleluia! Celebrate the joyful feast. Alleluia!

As the Lord our God has willed, Alleluia! Here the hungry soul is filled; Alleluia! Here the weary are refreshed. Alleluia! All who share God's feast are blessed. Alleluia!

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven
Text: John F. Underwood (1993)
Music: Robert Williams (1817)
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Prayer of Confession

O God, source of mercy, we confess our sins before you. We speak when we should listen. We hesitate when we should act. We are too quick to judge and too slow to forgive. We suffer from the delusion that our way is the only way. When challenged, we become defensive and hard-hearted. Our sins are a burden and we stagger under the weight. Remove this burden from us and fill us with your love for we long to be more like Christ. 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

"My Lord, What A Morning"
Ben Clements, Bass

arr. Mark Hayes

My Lord, what a mornin'. My Lord, what a mornin'. Oh, my Lord, what a mornin' when the stars begin to fall, when the stars begin to fall. (Repeat)

Done quit all my worldly ways, joined that heavenly band. Done quit all my worldly ways, joined that heavenly band. Oh, my Lord, what a mornin'. My Lord, what a mornin'. Oh, my Lord, what a mornin' when the stars begin to fall. (Repeat)

Scripture

Mark 7:24-30

Sermon

"Expanding the Circle"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Hymn of Response**

"We Are One in the Spirit" (v. 1-3)

no. 300

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain: *And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)

We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)

We Are One in the Spirit
Text and Music: Peter Scholtes (1966)
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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 offer up these gifts because you have been generous to us, gracious God. May the ministries of this church meet the real needs of our members, our community and our world. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration and Blessing

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of history and hope, we leave this table of communion knowing that we are always connected with you and with all our sisters and brothers in faith. Through your Spirit, encourage us as we face the challenges of this age. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

“O for a World” (v. 1-3, 5)

no. 372

O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

O for a world preparing for God’s glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

O for a World
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Music: Carl Gotthelf Glaser (1828)
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***Benediction and 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

Toccatina

Carl Simone

****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.)

WELCOME REV. DR. DEVON HERRELL

Rev. Herrell begins her ministry **Tuesday, September 7th**. Please drop by the office and say hello anytime after 9 a.m.!

GREAT DECISIONS

We are pleased to share the good news that our Great Decisions program will now be coordinated by the MSU's AgeAlive Senior Ambassadors Town & Gown program. Our next speaker, Sheril Kirshenbaum, is a scientist and author working to enhance public understanding of science. Sheril will present on **September 7th**, at 5 p.m. in the Robertson Room and over Zoom. The Town & Gown program will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Participants may either attend in the Robertson Room or join by Zoom. To learn more about our speaker Sheril Kirshenbaum, 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 noon 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.

THE READING PEOPLE

The Reading People will meet September 16th at 1:30 p.m. to discuss *The Women of the Copper Country* by Mary D. Russell. It is also the Great Michigan Read for 2021. We plan to meet in person in the Robertson Room, and offer an online option, which is the hybrid model the church is using for now. If you are interested in joining online, go to Join Zoom Meeting or in your Zoom app enter the Meeting ID: 859 3401 9302 and when asked for a password enter: 158952. Hope to see you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School kids, join us for our **Welcome Back/Welcome To Sunday School party on Sunday, 9/12** during the Children's moment! This is a chance for younger/new children to get to know our Sunday School rooms in a more relaxed gathering. We will do a craft, dance to some VBS songs, and admire our newly decorated spaces! I look forward to seeing your children's smiling faces!
~Kathi Mitchell

PEOPLES FORUM

The Peoples Forum will be returning on September 19th, with "Covid Update" by the Elders of the Peoples Church. Peoples Forum will be held from 9:30—10:15 a.m. in the Robertson Room before worship.

THANK YOU

The Church Library Committee would like to thank the congregation and volunteers for their support of our last used book sale. Your support made the sale a success. Thank you! The unsold books were donated to the Reading People, a Lansing literacy group.



Kickoff Sunday!

Mark your calendars—Kickoff Sunday at The Peoples Church is September 19th! Join us in celebrating and enjoy a delicious chicken lunch following the worship service! 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

Due to Covid-19 regulations we ask that you RSVP for this event. You can do so by emailing Elizabeth at eprice@thepeopleschurch.com, or calling 517-332-5073. Please include how many will be in your party—thanks!

October Portal

The deadline for the October Portal is **September 15th!** Please submit all articles to eprice@thepeopleschurch.com. If you, or someone you know, is unable to access an online version of the portal, please contact the office at 517-332-5073 to be added to the Portal mailing list.