


SUNDAY WORSHIP

JUNE 20, 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

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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.



PHONE NUMBER

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

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ONLINE**

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Prelude

“How Great Thou Art”

Judy Kabodian, Organ

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome

Rev. Penny Swartz

Call to Worship

One Do not cling to the old ways of doing things.
Open your hearts to the steadfast love God offers.

**All The deeds of God are beyond our knowing.
Yet we catch glimpses of God’s mercy and care.**

One God does not forsake us when we are dismayed and afraid.
God is with us in all times and places.

**All God is a stronghold for the oppressed and troubled.
The needy and the poor are not forgotten.**

One God is ready to listen to us in these moments together.
See, now is the acceptable time, the day of salvation.

**All Surely God will meet us here in our faith community!
How good it is when we sense our unity with the Divine.**

Gathering Hymn

“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken” (v. 1-3)

No. 81

*Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God. God, whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for a blest abode. On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded, thou may’st smile at all thy foes.*

*Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and covering, showing
that the Lord is near. Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day, safe they
feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.*

*See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove. Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.*

Prayer of Confession

O God, we have sinned in many ways. We have not loved you with all our hearts. We have not loved one another as we should. Sometimes we have let pride rule us, sometimes anger; sometimes our sin has been carelessness, sometimes resentment, or impatience, or greed. Forgive us. We need your love. In Christ’s name. 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

"How Firm a Foundation"

Arr. Richard Walters

Ben Maines, Tenor

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? Fear not I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid. I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I will not, desert to his foes. That soul, thou all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no, never forsake.

Scripture

1 Samuel 17:23- 50, Selected verses

Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines. All the Israelites, when they saw the man, fled from him and were very much afraid. David said to the men who stood by him, "...who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it...this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them." David said, "The Lord...will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul...clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistines. When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead...and he fell face down on the ground. So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, striking down the Philistine and killing him.

Sermon

"Just Be Yourself"

Rev. Penny Swartz

Hymn of Response

“We Praise You, O God” (v. 1-3)

No. 612

We praise, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest, our guide you have been. When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise. With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Prayers of the People

Rev. Penny Swartz

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)

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

Thank you, God, for meeting us in our need. We give that others in even greater need might not be forgotten. We are grateful for the trust you place in us. Thank you, God for your steadfast love, a love that endures forever.

Closing Hymn

“Christ Be Beside Me” (v. 1-3)

No. 702

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me. Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

Benediction

Postlude

“Recessional”

W. A. Mozart

VIRTUAL GROUPS

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

TUESDAY MORNING MENS 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 joining us, we are meeting in the Robertson Room each Tuesday at 7:30 am. We are wrapping up *Life on the Vine: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit* and will start a new book in the coming weeks.

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 sweet 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!

SUMMER PCYG: PCYG is having bimonthly summer events! Please contact Elisha Smith at esmith@thepeopleschurch.com to be added to the email list to stay updated on summer events, or if you know a 6th-12th grade student interested in joining PCYG!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WPC ANNUAL JEWELRY SALE & USED BOOK SALE

Thank you to those members who have generously donated books for the used book sale. The organizers **will no longer be taking books**, but will still gladly accept jewelry donations through July 30. Please drop off in the church office anytime Monday - Friday (9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.) Sale will be Saturday August 7 from 9am-6pm and Sunday August 8 from 9am-2pm. Thanks to your generosity, they look forward to a very successful event.

GRIEF RECOVERY GROUP

Loss takes many forms. Loss can be painfully obvious, or sometimes faintly irritating. All too often, however, we lack the skills to engage in our own healing. Rev. Penny Swartz will offer a seven-week grief group based on the work of the Grief Recovery Institute®, using *The Grief Recovery Handbook*. This is an action program for moving beyond death, divorce, and any number of other losses. Completion of homework assignments and participation in both group and one-on-one discussions is an expectation of the group process. Participants' willingness to be honest with themselves determines the helpfulness of this experience.

The Grief Recovery Group will meet on Sundays, following worship service, at 12 noon. We will gather in the Robertson Room. An orientation session will be June 27. The seven-week group sessions will begin July 11 and run through August 22. Materials will be provided.

Please contact Rev. Swartz for any additional information at pswartz@thepeopleschurch.com.

VBS SET UP HELP NEEDED!

Please stay after worship today to help Kathi Mitchell load VBS supplies into vehicles for transport. We will be meeting in the main office after the conclusion of the service.

Setup and decorating help is also needed at Woldumar Nature Center at 1:00 Sunday. We would appreciate your help in creating a great VBS environment for our kids!



UNDIE SUNDAYS

UNDIE SUNDAYS are returning to Peoples Church starting Sunday June 13th and ending Sunday August 15th. Community Engagement will be collecting NEW underwear (tees, underpants and socks) for school age children. Look for the red basket labelled KIDS STUFF at the welcome center. All underwear will be delivered to Judson Memorial Baptist Church's Love Clothing Closet. Questions? Contact Ruth Worthington at worthin2@msu.edu.

Join Our Team

We are now hiring for the following positions:

Peoples Church Preschool is looking for a Full-Time, Co-Lead, *Toddler Room Teacher*. 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 one full-time (30 hours) support position:

- *Communications Coordinator* (requires expertise in Microsoft Suite)

The Peoples Church is also seeking a part-time *Custodian*
(Monday-Friday 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

Please contact : personnel@thepeopleschurch.com for more information.

