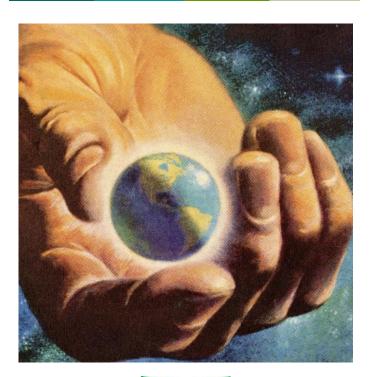
# **SUNDAY WORSHIP JULY 11, 2021**





# 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.

#### **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.

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ONLINE
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# **Order of Service | July 11**

**Prelude** "Psalm 24" Emma Lou Diemer

Judy Kabodian, Organ

**Welcome** Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

#### Call to Worship

One Out of the fullness of the lives God has given us, we have come to worship and praise our Creator.

All With gratitude we offer God the creativity of our minds, the warmth of our hearts, and the joy of our spirits.

One We love because God has first loved us, freeing us from the power of sin and death.

All With glad hearts, let us join together in singing praise to God:

Creator, Word and Holy Spirit, now and forever! Amen!

#### **Gathering Hymn**

"To God Be the Glory" (v. 1 & 2)

no. 634

To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in.

**Refrain:** Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

To God Be the Glory Text: Fanny Jane Crosby (1875) Music: William Howard Doane (1875) Copyright: 2013 CCLI#: 1698862

# **Prayer of Confession**

Holy One, time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise but our feet have still walked in the ways of sin and error. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbors. Be merciful, O God. Forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Put a right spirit within us and lead us towards fullness of life. 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

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Will Johnson, Tenor

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day. (Repeat)

Mortals, join the mighty, joyful chorus which the morning stars began. Love divine is always reigning o'er us, joining all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; Joyful music leads us ever sunward in the triumph song of life.

#### **Scripture**

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; <sup>2</sup>for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. <sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup>The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. <sup>5</sup>They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior. <sup>6</sup>Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob. *Selah*. <sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. <sup>8</sup>Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. <sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. <sup>10</sup>Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty — he is the King of glory. *Selah*.

Sermon

"Are We Welcome Here?"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

## Hymn of Response

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" (v. 1 - 4)

No. 20

**Refrain:** All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their flowing colors; God made their tiny wings. (Refrain)

The purple headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky: (Refrain)

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. (Refrain)

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. (**Refrain**)

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander (1848)

Music: English melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Martin Shaw (1915); harm. The Hymnbook (1955)

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## **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)

# 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**

Almighty God, accept all we offer you this day, and give us generous hearts to serve you by caring for all who need our help. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### Sending Hymn

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" (v. 1-3, 5)

No. 804

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise, send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! Text: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1865) Music: Arthur Henry Messiter (1883) Copyright: 2013

#### **Benediction**

Postlude

"Temples Eternal"

F. Melius Christiansen

#### VIRTUAL GROUPS

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

**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 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 participating in this group, they meet each Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room. They are beginning 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 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 <a href="https://haleyhansen02@gmail.com">haleyhansen02@gmail.com</a> if you are interested in receiving the Zoom link!

**SUMMER PCYG:** PCYG is having bimonthly summer events! Please contact Elisha Smith at <a href="mailto:esmith@thepeopleschurch.com">esmith@thepeopleschurch.com</a> 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**

#### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

Please join us in a Celebration of Life for Gwyneth Schroeder on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 11AM in the McCune Chapel at The Peoples Church. Gwyn and her husband Peter, who died in 2018, were members of the church since 1962. Their daughter, Judy and her husband Mark, invite you to share in this remembrance of Gwyn's life.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)**

#### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

George and Sam Brookover invite you to join them in celebrating the lives of Patty and Eliza Brookover. Patty and Eliza, members of The Peoples Church since 1965, were very active in the church and church groups. A service to honor them will be held in the Sanctuary at 1 p.m. on Friday, August 6th.

#### **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. 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.

#### **SOUTHSIDE KITCHEN**

Closed since January of 2020, Southside Kitchen is now reopening! Joanne Boss would like our faithful PC servers to assist on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 11:00-1:00 at the Galilee Baptist Church on Reo Rd. Please contact Janet Perron (<a href="mailto:irperron@comcast.net">irperron@comcast.net</a>, 517-337-2656), or Elizabeth in the church office, if you can assist. Know that your help is needed!

#### **UNDIE SUNDAYS**

UNDIE SUNDAYS are continuing at Peoples Church through Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.
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.

# 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 gen-

August 8, from 9am-2pm. Thanks to your generosity, they look forward to a very successful event.

# **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: <a href="mailto:djohnson@thepeopleschurch.com">djohnson@thepeopleschurch.com</a> for more information.

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

• Communications Coordinator (requires expertise in Microsoft Suite)

Please contact <a href="mailto:personnel@thepeopleschurch.com">personnel@thepeopleschurch.com</a> for more information.

