

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JULY 18, 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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Order of Service | July 18

Prelude

“Prelude on a Southern Folk Hymn”

arr. Lee Hastings Bristol

Judy Kabodian, Organ

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Call to Worship

One People of God,
Look around and see the faces of those we know and love –

**All Neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers,
A community of kindred hearts.**

One People of God,
Look around and see the faces of those we hardly know –

**All Strangers, visitors, forgotten friends,
The ones who need an outstretched hand.**

One People of God,
Look around and see all the images of God assembled here.

**All In me, in you, in each of us,
God’s spirit shines for all to see.**

One People of God, come. Let us worship together.

Gathering Hymn

“Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show” (v. 1-3)

no. 33

Praise the Lord! God’s glories show, Alleluia! Saints within God’s courts below, Alleluia! Angels round the throne above, Alleluia! All who see and share God’s love. Alleluia!

Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia! Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia! Age to age, God’s mercies trace, Alleluia! Praise God’s providence and grace! Alleluia!

Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia! In the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia! All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia! Singing praise forever more, Alleluia!

Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show

Text: Henry Francis Lyte (1834)

Music: Robert Williams (1817)

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Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we acknowledge and confess in your presence the smallness of our love, the narrowness of our concern, the denial of our true humanity. Through our careless hands have slipped opportunities not taken, people not cared for, days not celebrated. We are ashamed and sorry for the ways of our unfaithfulness, and ask for reassurance and forgiveness. 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

“Loving God, Hear Us”

Gabriel Fauré, arr. Grundahl

Christine Roberts, Mezzo-Soprano

Loving God, will you hear us in pray'r as we come lowly kneeling? Will you always be near us, give rest in your love, always healing? Where quiet waters flow, restore our souls with hope all abiding. Help us follow your path, and with your love and joy be us guiding. If we wander afar, and darkness and despair are surrounding, Your loving arms we seek. May your eternal care be abounding. O God of love and mercy, on us now your blessing bestowing. Grant us the joy of peace, the goodness of your love o'er flowing. May we forgiving be, as God, by you, are we forgiven. May your good will be done that your reign of peace may come, peace forever more.

Scripture

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a

After the king was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.” ³ Nathan replied to the king, “Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the Lord is with you.” ⁴ But that night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying: ⁵ “Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?’ ⁶ I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling.

⁷ Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” ⁸ “Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. ⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. ¹⁰ And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning

¹¹ and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. “The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: ¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

¹⁴ I will be his father and he will be my son.”

Sermon

“Where Shall God Dwell?”

Rev. Penny Swartz

Hymn of Response

“How Firm a Foundation” (v. 2 - 4)

No. 463

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.

(hymn continued on next page)

When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

How Firm a Foundation

Text: A Selection of Hymns (1787)

Music: Funk's Genuine Church Music (1832)

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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 \(onrealm.org\)](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

Loving God, may these gifts, given gratefully, be brought to life through the power of your creative Spirit. Multiply and use them to bring the word and the touch of Jesus to your you people in this place and throughout the world. Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” (v. 1 - 3)

No. 546

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound; may the fruits of your salvations in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way, let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Text: Attr: John Fawcett, 1773, alt.; stanza 3, alt. Geoffrey Thring (1880)

Music: Sicilian melody (18 cent.)

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Benediction

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”

Giuseppe Torelli

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 haleyhansen02@gmail.com if you are interested in receiving the Zoom link!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Please join us in a Celebration of Life for Darold and Judy McCalla. Their service will be held in the Sanctuary, at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 31st. Darold and Judy are survived by their children - Mary Kay, Julie and John. Please keep the family in your prayers during this time.

VBS UPDATE!

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies, time and talent to help with VBS 2021. Please visit our display near the office to see some of the fun we had that week! Our next Children's Education gathering is Thursday, July 22nd from 4:00 - 5:00 in the Robertson Room. We will be having another craft time to make "hug" cards. Come join us as we have fun while we serve others. Maybe we can even dance to a couple of VBS songs!

SOUTHSIDE KITCHEN

Thanks to the lovely members of The Peoples Church, the Southside Kitchen is no longer in need of servers. In fact, so many wonderful volunteers have offered their assistance that slots have been filled until Spring of 2022. Thank you all!

UNDIE SUNDAYS

UNDIE SUNDAYS are continuing at Peoples Church through 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.

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 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, August 8, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. 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: djohnson@thepeopleschurch.com for more information.

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

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

The Peoples Church is also seeking a part-time *Custodian*! Hours would be Monday-Friday, 5 p.m.-10 p.m.

Please contact personnel@thepeopleschurch.com for more information.

