

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP | JULY 21, 2019

Prelude "Prelude in C Major" J.S. Bach
Judy Kabodian, organ

Introduction of the Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe Dr. Jim Kelly

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Drew Filkins

Call to Worship

Leader: Day by day, God leads us:

People: To the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.

Leader: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

People: To pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

Leader: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

People: The community we could be, the family we are called to become.

Gathering Hymn "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" No. 687

Procession of the Light of Christ

Call to Confession

Leader: For all the things we have done wrong in the past against God and against people, we now ask the Lord and one another to forgive us.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord Jesus, yours are the seasons and the ages. Give us a new heart and a new spirit: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Jesus Christ, you are the beginning and the end of all that is, including our lives. Make a new beginning with all of us: Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. - Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. - Sunday School



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Leader: Lord Jesus, you breathe your Spirit on all creation. Make our old world new again: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

All: Have mercy on us, Lord, and let your forgiveness and love come down on us day after day. Lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The redeeming God who spared no cost, who forgave even his brutal crucifiers, who had time for a dying thief at his side, and who on the third day rose from the grave, has taken all our sins and declares us forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Congregational Response "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy"

No. 437

You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

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First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

(Pew Bible Page 11; Large Print 16)

Communion (8:30 a.m.)

Children's Moment (10:30 a.m.)

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Solo (8:30 a.m.)

Choir Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"How Can I Keep From Singing?"

arr. Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Second Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

(Pew Bible Page 1,000; Large Print 1,521)

Sermon

"The Undiscovered Country"

Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

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Hymn of Response

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

No. 817

Prayers of the People & 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.

Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory

"Deep River"
Peter Boylan, baritone

arr. Howard Helvey

Act of Praise

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God of new beginnings, through your Son, you have sent us forth in the world to witness and to share the message of grace. As we bring our gifts, may they be deployed for your purposes; and may we also be deployed for your purposes. We pray this in the name of our faithful Savior. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

No. 39

Benediction

Benediction 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

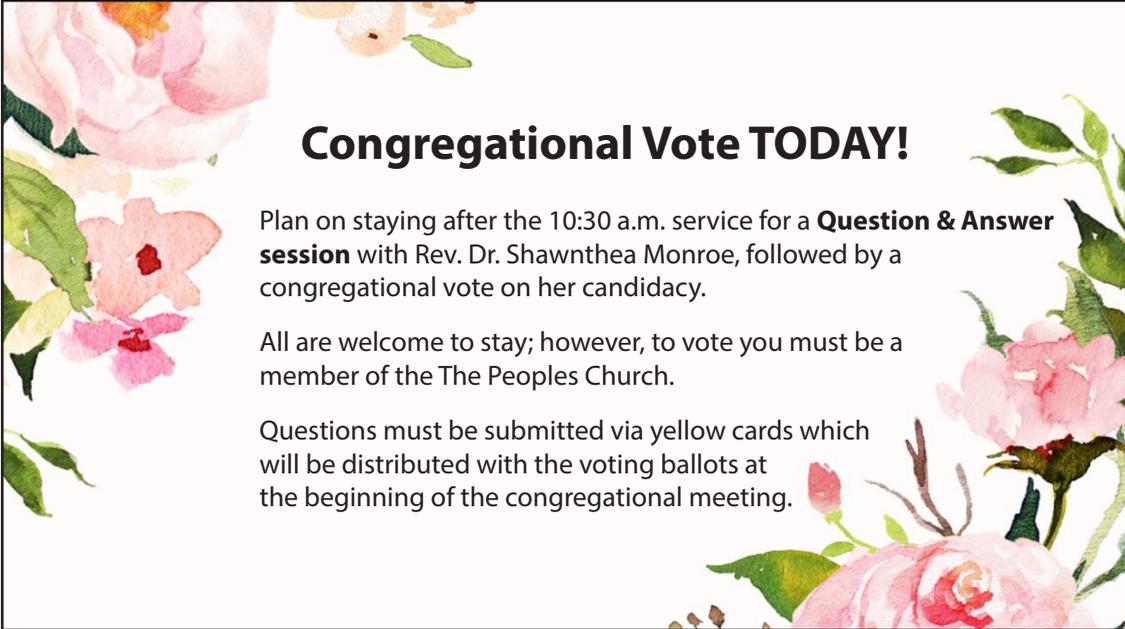
"Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"

arr. Michael Burkhardt



Floral Dedication:

Given in memory of Daisy Angell, by her daughter Jann.



Congregational Vote TODAY!

Plan on staying after the 10:30 a.m. service for a **Question & Answer session** with Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe, followed by a congregational vote on her candidacy.

All are welcome to stay; however, to vote you must be a member of the The Peoples Church.

Questions must be submitted via yellow cards which will be distributed with the voting ballots at the beginning of the congregational meeting.

THANK YOU PASTOR CASE!

Interim Senior Pastor Case Van Kempen's last Sunday with us is August 4. Please stop by Friendship Hall for some cake, coffee and well wishes following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The Peoples Church has been so blessed by his presence this past year and wish to thank him for everything he has done for our church!

PEOPLES 101

Do you have questions about The Peoples Church? Get them answered at Peoples 101 on Sunday, August 4 at 11:30 a.m. in the Library. Peoples 101 is a 20-30 minute informal discussion with a pastor and Welcome Ministry members. All are welcome! Hope to see you there.

LEADERSHIP Opportunities

It's an exciting time to become more involved in the church! Do you know of someone who would be interested in becoming an elder of our church, or one who would serve on the nominating committee? If so, please send in your nomination, (and yes, you can nominate yourself!) by placing this form in the offertory plate. Consider becoming more involved in the ministries of this church and share your time and talents. We need 5 new elders, a treasurer, and 4 new nominating committee members. We will vote on this new slate of elders at the Fall Congregational Meeting. Contact Bev Mason (chair) at 517.256.3755, or email at masonbj2790@gmail.com.

Name: _____

Contact Info: _____

MEET THE REV. DR. SHAWNTHEA MONROE!



A native of South Dakota, Dr. Monroe holds degrees from the University of Minnesota, Yale Divinity School, and Chicago Theological Seminary. She has served on the board of the Louisville Institute, and the Deaconess Foundation, and she currently serves as the chair of the Discernment of Call for The Living Water Association (Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ). She is a member of the American Academy of Religion and has taught courses in preaching, pastoral leadership, contemporary culture and theology, and grant writing for non-profit organizations. An accomplished writer, she is the author of *Not So Desperate: Fantasy, Fact and Faith on Wisteria Lane* (Chalice Press, 2006) and co-author of *Living Christianity: A Pastoral Theology for Today* (Fortress, 2009).

Dr. Monroe currently serves Plymouth Church UCC in Shaker Heights, Ohio. Before that, she was the pastor of First Congregational Church UCC (Moorhead, MN) and Trinitarian Congregational Church (Concord, MA). Shawnthea is married to Neil Mueller, who teaches trumpet at Central Michigan University, and they have three adult children. Besides her family and ministry, Shawnthea enjoys gardening, canning, and Zumba classes. Shawnthea and Neil say, "We look forward to settling in to East Lansing and getting to know the congregation and the wider community."