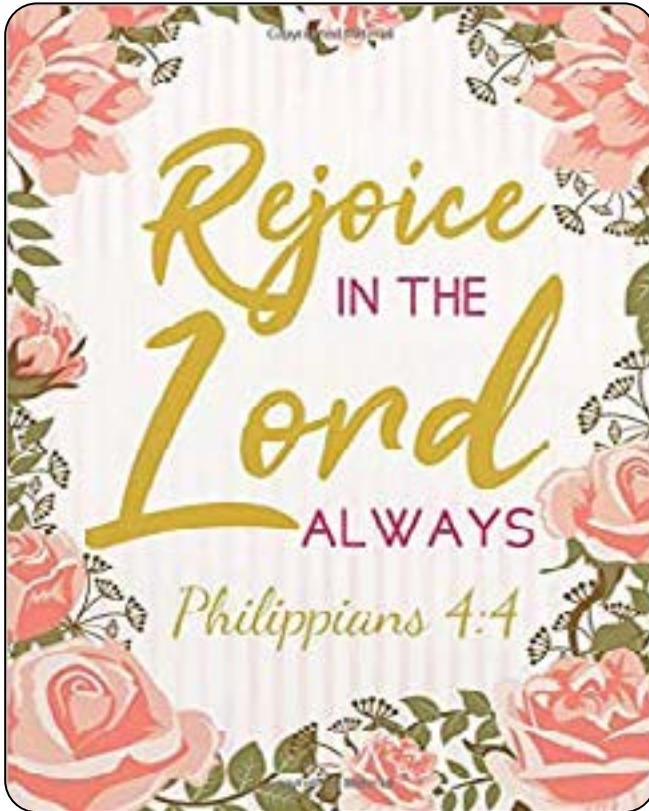


SUNDAY WORSHIP

OCTOBER 11, 2020



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 will still be served for those who need one. Meals can be picked up 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.



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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

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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.



To join the worship service via telephone, please dial **517-583-3949** and follow the prompts.

MAKE A GIFT ONLINE!

[CLICK HERE!](#)

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Prelude

"Liberty Fanfare"

Clarion Ringers, directed by Elizabeth Reed

Donald E. Allured

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Worship is both personal and communal, formal and informal, intimate and casual. Here at The Peoples Church, we recognize that people come to worship God in both joy and pain, faith and doubt, with laughter and with tears. Our worship tries to reflect a desire both for meditation and celebration. Please know you are invited to participate in any and all ways you feel led. Our songs, prayers, words and actions are the works of imperfect people trying to worship a perfect God.

Call to Worship

One: We are called together to worship God. Set aside all your concerns and be in God's presence.

All: We will praise God and give thanks, for God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: We are held together by the bonds of love. We, who are many, are one in Christ Jesus.

All: We will sing of God's awesome deeds of power! God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: With one voice, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us rejoice in the God of our salvation!

All: God is with us and we will rejoice! How wonderful it is to be in God's presence!

Gathering Hymn

"O That I Had A Thousand Voices" (verses 1, 2 and 4)

O that I had a thousand voices to praise my God with thousand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, would then proclaim in grateful songs to all, where ever I might be, what great things God has done for me!

Let every power in me implanted, arise, keep silence now no more; put forth the strength that God has granted! Your noblest work is to adore! O soul and body, join to raise with heartfelt joy our Maker's praise!

All creatures that have breath and motion, that throng the earth, the sea, the sky, come, share with me my heart's devotion; help me to sing God's praises high! My utmost powers can never quite declare the wonders of God's might!

O That I Had A Thousand Voices

Text: Johann Mentzer (1704); trans. The Lutheran Hymnal (1941)

Music: Attr. Johann B. König (1738); Harmonischer Liederschatz (1738)

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Prayer of Confession

God of time and eternity, forgive us for the sin of busyness. You invite us to join in your work, but we are slow to respond. Our days are packed. Our schedules are full. We look past the faces of people in need, pretending that we don't have time to help others. Yet, when we are in crisis, we turn to you for immediate answers. Forgive us, O God, for our endless, anxious busyness. Forgive us for all the times we have failed to answer your call. Forgive all our sins and help us to rest in your presence so we may be refreshed for your work. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment of Silence and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response "We Are Forgiven"

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Children's Moment

Special Music

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Clarion Ringers, directed by Elizabeth Reed

A Reading from Scripture Philippians 4:1-9

1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. 2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Sermon

"Do Something"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Anthem

"How Firm a Foundation"

arr. Samuel Walter

Dr. Jonathan Reed, conductor

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Drew Filkins

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

Offertory

[Click here to give your offering to our virtual Offertory Plate](#)

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

Holy God, bless this offering and all the gifts we bring to the work of this church. Let what we do today be an example for others so that future generations will believe in Christ Jesus and follow his path. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (verses 1, 2 and 4)

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Text: African American Spiritual

Music: African American Spiritual; arr. Wendell P. Whalum (1984)

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Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

"Carillon Toccata"

Douglas E. Wagner

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GREAT DECISIONS

The Great Decisions program will continue virtually this fall! Please join us in welcoming Dr. Gerald Urquhart, Assistant Professor in the Lyman Briggs College at MSU, on **October 22** at 4:30 p.m., via Zoom. Dr. Urquhart will give a presentation about China in Latin America, and the proposed Interoceanic Canal in Nicaragua. Following his presentation, there will be an interactive question and answer session. More details to come.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Peoples Church Campus Ministry is continuing to meet each Thursday evening from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. outside near the Northeast entrance of the church. This fall, a variety of topics will be covered in this weekly Bible study. All college students are welcome and dinner is provided!

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: 837 9739 7682 and when asked for a password enter: Peoples

Don't have access to internet? No problem! You can still join us from ANY phone! Dial 1-312-626-6799 and when prompted for a meeting ID enter 837 9739 7682# and the password is 50803#.

* 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.

2020 CROP HUNGER WALK TODAY • Virtual

The 2020 Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk is happening **TODAY**, virtually! By doing a virtual CROP Hunger Walk together, but separate, we can continue to help the poor and hungry, keep others safe, and keep ourselves safe. You choose where you want to walk and you can choose to walk individually or with a team.

If you would rather give to the cause, you can donate [here](https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lansingmi/Donate) (https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lansingmi/Donate). The CROP Hunger Walk may be virtual, but the need could not be more real. Join us to help end hunger!



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. To join, [click here](#); Meeting ID: 861 2945 8059. You can also dial 1.929.205.6099 and when prompted enter 861 2945 8059.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE: meets each Monday at 11:00 a.m. We are currently studying Romans. To join the meeting, [click here](#). Or, on your Zoom app enter meeting ID: 369 714 134 and enter the passcode: MMB. You can also dial 1.312.626.6799 and when prompted enter 369 714 134#.

TUESDAY MORNING MENS GROUP: meets each Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. To join, [click here](#). The meeting ID is: 963 085 991. You can also dial 1.646.558.8656 and when prompted enter the meeting code 963 085 991. They are studying the book, *White Fragility*, by Robin Diangelo.

WEDNESDAY NOON MENS GROUP: meets each Wednesday at Noon. To join, [click here](#).

WAYS TO GIVE

There are many ways to provide financial support for the ministry and mission of The Peoples Church. Please consider giving in one of the following ways:



1. You can make a contribution by mailing a check or cash to the church at this address: 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing, MI 48823.
2. We are also able to accept stock gifts or funds from a tax deferred account for your Required Minimum Distribution.
3. You can make a gift by sending a text to 73256 and including the word **Peoples** in the message line. You will be sent a link that will take you to our GIVE website. Just enter the amount and your account information. Be sure to tell us which fund you are donating to (most people give to the general fund).
4. If you have set up your REALM account with The Peoples Church, you can make a one-time gift or recurring gift by logging onto your REALM account and following the prompts on the screen.
5. If you have questions or need help, call the church and speak directly to our Office Administrator, Dee Przybylski. She can set up a single gift or recurring gift using a credit, debit card or checking account information. She'll need the amount of the gift and how you would like the gift applied.

THE 2020 HENRY & ANNABEL LARZELERE MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS

Christian Citizenship in 2020



Featuring Guest Speaker:

AMANDA TYLER

Executive Director,

Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty

Sunday, October 25, 2020

via Zoom • 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

In preparation for this event, you're invited to read the book, *The Power Worshipers: Inside the Dangerous Rise of Religious Nationalism*, by Katherine Stewart.

Presentation Description:

Jesus' teaching to render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's is particularly relevant in this election season like no other. How do we maintain our dual citizenship in God's kingdom and the United States of America without losing our prophetic voice in the process? What is "Christian nationalism" and how is it showing up in ways that are harmful to both Christianity and our national unity? Amanda Tyler gives some practical advice about ways the church can be engaged in nonpartisan ways in the electoral process and raise a voice of reason and challenge, standing up for our core values and the equality of our neighbors, no matter their religious identity or political party.

Schedule:

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service with Guest Amanda Tyler

(To view The Peoples Church worship service, go to our [YouTube channel](#) and click on the October 25 service or join us in person at The Peoples Church • 200 W. Grand River Ave, East Lansing, MI 48823).

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.—Presentation

To Join the Presentation:

You are invited to join this virtual presentation, via Zoom, by entering the meeting ID: 896 0035 7859 and entering the password BJC.

Want to Know More?

[Amanda Tyler Bio](#)

[BJC Info](#)



The Henry and Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture Series was established in 2017 to honor their interest in continuing education on topics of international interest and theological thought. Henry and Annabel moved to East Lansing in 1938 where Henry was a new faculty member in the College of Agriculture at MSU. They promptly joined The Peoples Church and became deeply involved in the church community as well as in Greater Lansing where they were active in a variety of civic activities. Henry and Annabel were world travelers who were always building bridges of hope and understanding. Our desire is that these lectures will inspire and strengthen us to serve with compassionate love as we strive to build a more just and peaceful world.