

# SUNDAY WORSHIP OCTOBER 4, 2020

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



### 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.



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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!](#)

# ORDER OF WORSHIP | October 4, 2020

## **Prelude**

"Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"  
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

## **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: Throughout the world, we come to God's table. All are welcome here!

**All: We come from near and far, yet we are all welcome in this place.**

One: Though we differ in language, custom and tradition, we are one in Christ Jesus.

**All: There is one Lord, one faith and one baptism! We are one in God's Spirit.**

One: In this place, at this time, we remember our Lord Jesus.

**All: Through Christ, we are made whole. Through Christ, we are made one.  
Come, let us worship the God of our salvation!**

## **Gathering Hymn**

"God Is Here!" (verses 1 and 3)

*God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*

*Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.*

God Is Here!  
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## **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, we have created an economy of scarcity. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride and arrogance, we've allowed many to go hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our fear and discord, we have made the world a desert. We long for your abundance, we hunger for your presence, we thirst for justice. Have mercy on us and forgive us once again. It is through your son we pray. 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**

### **Anthem**

"Thy Perfect Love"

John Rutter

*Dr. Jonathan Reed, conductor*

*Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, Thy perfect love close in my breast, That I thee love and never rest; And make me love thee of all things best, And wounde my heart in thy love free, That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.*

## **A Reading from Scripture** Philippians 3:4b-14

4 even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

### **Sermon**

"Give Me Jesus"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

### **Hymn of Response**

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" (verses 1 and 2)

*Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare; O knit my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there! Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live; myself to thee entirely give.*

*O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone; O may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown! All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.*

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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## **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**

**Gracious God, your grace has given us more than we can ever repay. With thankful hearts, we ask you to accept these humble gifts. May this offering empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace in this world. We pray this in Jesus name, now and forever, Amen.**

### **Communion**

#### **Communion Prayer**

**Lord, you have fed us at your table. May this earthly meal among people divided be a source of grace, courage and strength until all your children are united. May we go into the world with the light of Christ in our hearts and the world of Christ in our hands. Amen.**

#### **Sending Hymn**

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken" (verses 1, 2 and 4)

*For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.*

*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.*

*In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.*

For the Bread Which You Have Broken  
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Music: V. Earle Copps (1959)  
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### **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**

"We Come As Guests Invited"

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

## 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!

### NEW MEMBER CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a member of The Peoples Church, or simply want to know more about this remarkable community, consider joining us for a New Member Class, via Zoom, on **October 11** at 11:30 a.m. Email Robin Matheson at [matheso4@msu.edu](mailto:matheso4@msu.edu) to let her know you are interested in attending and she will add you to the Invite for the class. You may also call Robin at 517.290.3223.

### 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.

### THE KNITTING PEOPLE

The Knitting People have been hard at work knitting socks for the *You've Got This!* project, which is a non-profit organization that provides chemotherapy and radiation care packages to individuals undergoing cancer treatment. The mission of the *You've Got This!* project is to lighten the effects of treatment with over-the-counter personal care items. Items such as lip balm, flavored water, lotions, sugarless gum, toothbrushes, socks, etc. Having these items on hand will get patients through the side effects or at least give them support when the side effects hit.

If you are interested in supporting this effort, please send an email to: [theyouvegotthisproject@gmail.com](mailto:theyouvegotthisproject@gmail.com) and a board member will reply to you.



## 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. Beginning September 14, we will be studying Romans. To join the meeting, [click here](#). Or, on your Zoom app enter meeting ID: 369 714 134. 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.

## 2020 CROP HUNGER WALK October 11 • Virtual

The 2020 Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk is going virtual! 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. The virtual walk will take place on **October 11**. 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 **October 11** to help end hunger.



*2020 Henry & Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture Series Presents:*

## CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP IN 2020 October 25 • Virtually via Zoom Featuring Guest Speaker Amanda Tyler



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.

*More details regarding this event are to come. Stay tuned to future bulletins and the October Portal for more information.*