

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## MARCH 29, 2020



"Lazarus come out!." The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

John 11:43-44

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

All regularly scheduled Sunday programs have been suspended until further notice.

Worship Services have changed to:

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Suspended

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service, via Live Stream

**SUSPENDED**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

All regularly scheduled *WNL!* programs have been suspended until further notice.

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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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.*



During this time of social distancing, The Peoples Church Staff are still here for you!

While we may not be physically in the office, we are still available via email or phone for any questions or concerns you may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out to one of us!

## MAKE A GIFT ONLINE!

[CLICK HERE!](#)

# ORDER OF WORSHIP | MARCH 29, 2020

## **Prelude**

"I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"  
*Judy Kabodian, organ*

J. S. Bach

## **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: God calls us from the valley of dry bones.  
Come and listen for a word from the Lord!

**All: In the depths of despair, we hear God's voice.  
Over the roar of chaos, God speaks a word of peace.**

One: The Spirit breathes new life into dry and dusty bones.  
God offers hope when we have lost our way.

**All: Trapped in tombs of our own making,  
We hear the voice of Jesus calling.**

One: Jesus cries out: "Rise up and live!"  
Listen to his voice and respond!

**All: Even in the darkest times, the light of Christ shines brightly!  
We are one in the Spirit! Come, let us worship the Lord!**

## **Gathering Hymn**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

No. 307

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

*Cure thy Children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory ever more. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.*

God of Grace and God of Glory  
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## **Prayer of Confession**

**Out of the depths we cry to you, O God. We confess that we have neglected spiritual things. We have forgotten how to pray; we have set aside scripture. We have relied on our own devices and plans rather than on your guidance. Now our present crisis has filled us with questions and concerns, and we wonder if you are really here. Forgive us, O God! Help us to believe in your power. Surround us with your love and strengthen our resolve to be the church. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **Moment of Silence and Reflection**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Congregational Response** "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" (verse 4)

No. 444

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;  
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.**

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

### **Special Music**

"Wondrous Love"

arr. Richard Walters

*Lynn Fendler and Michaela Larsen, sopranos*

### **Children's Moment**

#### **Scripture Reading**

John 11:1-45

(Pew Bible Page 1,076; Large Print 1,634)

#### **Sermon**

"No Way Out"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

#### **Hymn of Response**

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

No. 796

*We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul, and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.*

*As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain, we know you come among us still with power to heal again.*

*You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care, and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.*

*Through nights of pain, and wakefulness, through days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.*

*We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain, in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.*

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

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### **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.**

### **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; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### Prayer of Dedication

**Holy One, in these uncertain times, we still put our trust in you. Increase our faith and bless this offering. May anyone who is struggling in this time find our church to be a source of spiritual hope and material comfort. Let your powerful Spirit move through our lives and the ministry of this church. Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

No. 542

*God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you, daily manna still provide you:  
God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unflinching arms around you:  
God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you; smite death's threatening wave before you:  
God be with you till we meet again.*

God Be with You Till We Meet Again  
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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

"Toccatina in E Minor"

Johann Pachelbel

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All church activities are suspended until further notice. We are currently working on ways to interact virtually with you during this time of separation. Please be patient with us as we work to move Bible study groups and other fellowship groups online.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### MONDAY MORNING BIBLE IS GOING ONLINE!

Join us this Monday at 11:00 a.m., via Zoom, to continue our study of John's Gospel. This week we will be studying John 16.

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 369714134#.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS IS GOING ONLINE!

Confirmation class is now held online, Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m., until further notice. [Email Pastor Drew](#) if you need access to the virtual class.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kathi, our Children's CE Director, has been missing your children at Sunday School! She doesn't want them to miss their Bible lessons, especially leading up to Easter, so she has prepared Sunday School To Go Packets! They are by the Welcome Desk at the NW Entrance. Please feel free to stop by Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. to pick one up for each of your children. They will be labeled per classroom. Curriculum will also be available online; parents should receive an email with info. If you have questions, or did not receive an email, please contact Kathi at [kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com).

## HOLY WEEK 2020



### PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 5

10:30 a.m. - Live Stream



### MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 9

6:30 p.m. - CANCELED



### GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 10

12:00 p.m. - Live Stream (Service of Tenebrae: The Extinguishing of Light)



### EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 12

10:30 a.m. - Live Stream (with Brass)