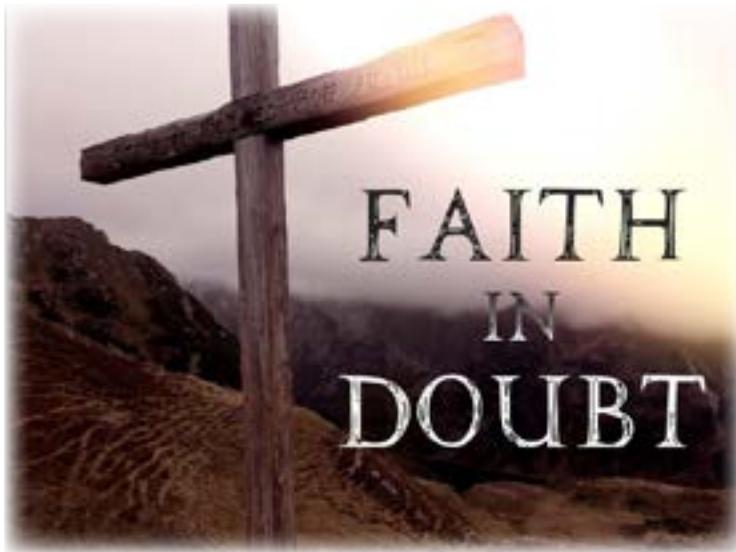


# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## APRIL 19, 2020



"...blessed are those who have not  
seen and yet have believed."

John 20:29



### THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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## 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 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.

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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 | April 19, 2020

## **Prelude**

"Fantasy Prelude on an Easter Hymn"  
Judy Kabodian, organ

Gilbert M. Martin

## **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 come again to celebrate the resurrection.  
God offers us new life and shows us the way.

**All: We celebrate the good news!**  
**The tomb is empty and death has no power over us.**

One: God welcomes us here and accepts us as we are:  
Believers, doubters and disciples.

**All: Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice.**  
**Jesus has shown us the way to the abundant life.**

One: Wherever we are gathered, Jesus is present.  
Open your hearts and receive God's peace.

**All: Blessed are those who have not seen and still believe!**  
**Let us rejoice and praise the God of our salvation!**

## **Gathering Hymn**

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

No. 363

*Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph ever more.  
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come and gather all the saints to their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Rejoice, the Lord Is King  
Text: Charles Wesley (1746)  
Music: John Darwall (1770); desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson 20th cent.  
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### ***Prayer of Confession***

**Forgive us, Holy One, for seeking to limit your truth to what we can understand. Forgive us for chasing after gods of our own making. We are so consumed with our daily worries and concerns that we forget to open ourselves to your larger reality. Our doubts can plunge us into despair and we struggle to keep hope in our hearts. Be a refuge for us and give us courage to face the questions that haunt us. Forgive our sins and bless us with your abiding presence in this trying time. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### ***Moment of Silence and Reflection***

### ***Assurance of Pardon***

**Congregational Response** "Thine Is the Glory" (refrain)

No. 238

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

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

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

### ***First Reading***

Psalm 16

(Pew Bible Page 542; Large Print 782)

### ***Children's Moment***

### ***Solo***

"Sing Them Over Again to Me"

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

*Will Johnson, tenor*

### ***Second Reading***

John 20:19-31

(Pew Bible Page 1,087; Large Print 1,651)

### ***Sermon***

"The Power of Doubt"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

### ***Hymn of Response***

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

No. 254

*That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.*

*He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide, the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.*

*From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield; O Lord if all, with us abide in this our joyful Easter tide.*

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent; trans. John Mason Neale (1852)

Music: Trier ms., 15th cent. adapt. Michael Praetorius (1609)

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

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious God, we are grateful that we have enough to share. Bless this offering and the ministry this money will provide. Help us to be good stewards of all the gifts we have been given. May the ministry of this church show Christ's love to those in need. We pray and give in Jesus' name. Amen.**

#### **Sending Hymn**

"Christ Be Beside Me"

No. 702

*Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me, Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.*

*Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.*

*Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me. Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be.*

Christ Be Beside Me

Text: James Quin, SJ, (1969)

Music: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis (1985)

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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**

"The Strife Is O'er"

arr. Wilbur Held

All in-person church activities are suspended until further notice. We continue to work 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:

### SERMON PREVIEW GROUP

The Wednesday morning Sermon Preview Group is now meeting via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. each Wednesday. For more information on how to join Dr. Monroe for the Sermon Preview Group, please call Dr. Monroe at 517-896-0407 or email [smonroe@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:smonroe@thepeopleschurch.com).

### MONDAY MORNING BIBLE

Join us each Monday at 11:00 a.m., via Zoom, to continue our study of John's Gospel.

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#.

### TUESDAY MORNING MENS GROUP IS NOW ONLINE!

Tuesday Morning Men's group will meet again on April 7 at 8:00 a.m. They are currently reading *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman. Next week they will be on chapter 3. Join them following the instructions below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/963085991>; Meeting ID: 963 085 991

Or, on ANY phone dial 1-646-558-8656 and when prompted for a meeting code enter 963-085-991.



The American Red Cross is in need of blood during this unprecedented time. Healthy donors are needed to donate blood.

Join us, here, at The Peoples Church on **Wednesday, April 22** from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. for our next blood drive.

If you have any questions related to this event, email Andy Mayville at: [amayville@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:amayville@thepeopleschurch.com).