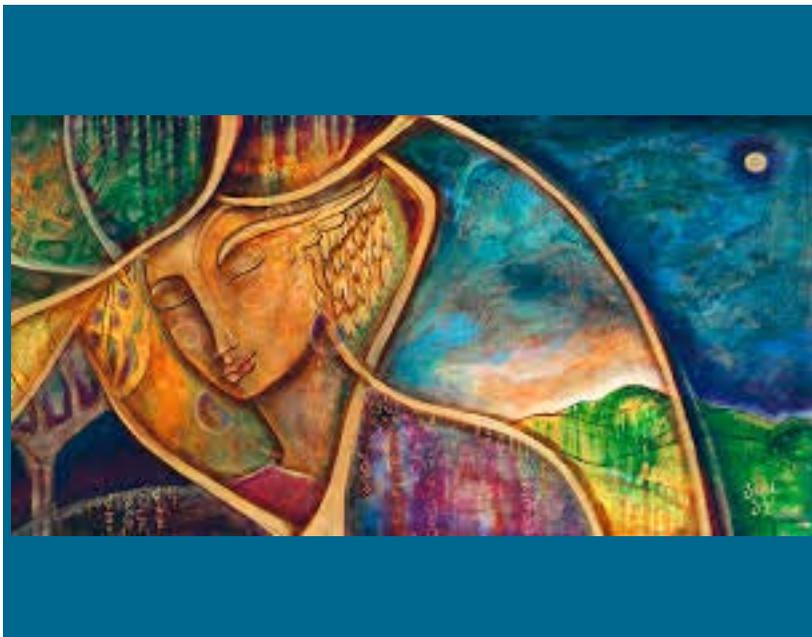


# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## MAY 10, 2020



"She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on  
her tongue..."

Proverbs 31:26



### THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823  
517.332.5073 | [ThePeoplesChurch.com](http://ThePeoplesChurch.com)

## 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 | May 10, 2020

## Prelude

"Beautiful Savior"  
*In memory of Judy's Mom, Linda  
Judy Kabodian, organ*

arr. Flor Peeters

## 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: As a mother carries her child, and lets the child play on her knees,  
God carries us, and teaches us to stand.

**All: Let us rejoice in the presence of our Creator!**

One: As a mother comforts her child,  
Our God comforts us.

**All: Let us praise the God of unconditional Love!**

One: As a mother encourages her child,  
Our God guides and directs us.

**All: Let us worship the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:  
One God, Mother of us all!**

## Gathering Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (verses 1, 2 and 4)

No. 14

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and  
stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of the human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle  
thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the Beauty of the Earth  
Text: Follitt Sandford Pierpoint (1864; alt)  
Music: Conrad Kocher (1838); abr. William Henry Monk (1861); harm. *The English Hymnal* (1906)  
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## Prayer of Confession

**God of infinite grace, we confess that we have made you in our image. We have assigned you a gender and imagined you as an demanding judge. We have allowed ourselves to see you as domineering instead of loving, disapproving instead of forgiving, and punishing instead of healing. Forgive us for our narrow-minded understanding. You are beyond our categories and our comprehension. You are the creative being who has called us into life and the savior that leads us into life beyond death. Pour your love into our hearts and help us to accept each other as your beloved children. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **Moment of Silence and Reflection**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Congregational Response** "There Is a Balm in Gilead" (refrain)  
**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

No. 792

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

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

### **Children's Moment**

**Solo** "Who Can Find a Virtuous Woman?" (Proverbs 31) Lori Laitman  
*Michaela Larsen, soprano*

*Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband does safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeks wool, and flax, and works willingly with her hands.*

*She is like the merchants' ships: she brings her food from afar. She rises also while it is yet night, and gives meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She considers a field, and buys it: with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds her loins with strength, and strengthens her arms.*

*She perceives that her merchandise is good: her candle goes not out by night. She stretches out her hand to the poor; yes, she reaches forth her hands to the needy. She opens her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. Give her of the fruits of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates, praise her, praise her, praise her.*

**A Reading from Scripture** Proverbs 31:10-31  
([Link to Passage](#))

**Sermon** "A Woman of Valor" Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

**Hymn of Response** "We Praise You, O God" (verses 1 and 2) No. 612

*We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

*We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o'er take us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.*

We Praise You, O God  
Text: Julia C. Cory (1902)  
Music: Neder-landsch Gedenck-Clanck (1626); harm. Eduard Kremser (1877)  
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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**

**God of Creation, we ask you to bless the gifts we offer to support this church. We ask you to teach us how to use our resources to heal this broken world. We ask you to lead us where you need us so we can be Christ's hands and heart in the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" (verses 1 and 3)

No. 547

*"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."*

*"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."*

Go, My Children, with My Blessing  
Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda (1983)  
Music: Welsh Melody  
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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**

Recessional on "Love Divine"

arr. Gordon Young

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### VBS 2020: POSTPONED

We are sad to announce that VBS scheduled for June 15-19 is postponed. We hope to reschedule in early August; please keep an eye out for updates. The safety of our children, crew and staff are of the utmost priority and we feel this is the best choice at this time.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

New, *Sunday School at Home* lessons are online and go through the end of May! If you haven't received the link, please email [kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com).

### BLOOD DRIVE: MAY 21, 2020

The Peoples Church continues to be a part of the American Red Cross blood drives! We have hosted many blood drives since the start of the pandemic and have had great success at each! Thank you to those of you who have participated and have donated blood! The nation's blood supply is severely low and the American Red Cross could use your help! **If you, or someone you know, would like to donate blood, join us here, at The Peoples Church on May 21 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Your donation of blood can save lives!**



### FELLOWSHIP GOES VIRTUAL!

Do you miss our time together after the service? We do! You're invited to join us for a virtual Friendship Hall each Sunday, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Grab a cup of your favorite coffee and a sweet snack and log on to Zoom. You can join the meeting by clicking on the link below:

[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#.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING COMMUNION

Join us Wednesdays for a brief service of prayer and communion. We will gather via Zoom from 6:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Bring your own bread and beverage and join us. Even though we are physically apart, we are one in Christ! To join the service click below:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 840 2168 7228

Password: 659729

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

### 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. If you prefer to use your smartphone, 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, just 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.

### VIRTUAL GROUPS

The following groups/Bible studies continue to meet via Zoom each week. If you have any questions or have trouble accessing one of the groups, please contact the church office.

**SERMON PREVIEW GROUP:** meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. To join, [click here](#); Meeting ID: 832 3099 0430. You can also dial 1.929.205.6099 and when prompted enter 832 3099 0430.

**MONDAY MORNING BIBLE:** meets each Monday at 11:00 a.m. 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 currently reading *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman.