

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MAY 17, 2020



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!

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A community meal will still be served for those who need one. Meals can be picked up in the Northwest entrance of the building.



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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.

Bob Cantrell, Chairperson
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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!](#)

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Prelude

"I Love to Tell the Story"
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: In God we live and move and have our being.
All that we are is a gift from our Creator.

**All: We praise our Creator who gives us life!
We give thanks for the gift of this day!**

One: God is our hope and our salvation.
Let us sing songs of praise and rejoice!

**All: We have the light of Christ in our hearts!
We will give thanks to God for all we have!
We will tell the world of God's mercy and love!**

Gathering Hymn

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" (verses 1, 4 and 5)

No. 41

O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!
Text: Robert Grant (1833; alt)
Music: Joseph Martin Kraus (1784);
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Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that we have loved our own ways more than we have loved you. You have asked us to spread the Good News, but we hesitate to raise our voices. You have called us to witness to the hope that is in our hearts, but we shy away from public proclamations. Through Christ, you have made us into one human family, but we hide our identity as Christians. Forgive us for being less than effective witnesses to your truth. Strengthen our faith and restore our hope. Open our mouths and give us words that are gentle and reverent. 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)

No. 792

**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Solo "Amazing Grace" arr. Jay Althouse
Joe Kennedy, bass

A Reading from Scripture 1 Peter 3:13-22
([Link to Passage](#))

Sermon "The Shape of Hope" Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (verses 1 and 3) No. 353

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Text: Edward Mote (1834)
Music: William Batchelder Bradbury (1863)
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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

Dear God, accept our gifts as a sign of our commitment to share your story. Bless the work of our community and inspire our service to others. We give and pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Live Into Hope" (verses 1, 3 and 4)

No. 772

Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be, the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

Live Into Hope
Text: Jane Parker Huber (1976)
Music: Musica Sacra (1778)
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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

"Postscript on a Hymn Tune"

Gilbert Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TPC MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member of The Peoples Church, or simply want to know more about this remarkable community, please email Robin Matheson at matheso4@msu.edu.

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.

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

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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.