

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## MAY 3, 2020

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The LORD is my Shepherd.

Psalm 23



### THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823  
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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.

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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.



## 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 3, 2020

## **Prelude**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"  
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. David Paxton

## **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: What a wonder it is to be alive today!  
God, the Good Shepherd, is with us!

**All: We praise God for signs of new life!  
We praise God for the gift of faith!**

One: Christ came to offer us new life.  
In this moment, let us reclaim this gift.

**All: God is good all the time!  
Together, let us praise the Lord!**

## **Gathering Hymn**

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

No. 409

*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!  
Text: Fred Pratt Green (1979; rev. 1988)  
Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor (1941)  
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## **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, you know we are going through difficult times. Please be patient with us. When life is hard, we ignore your presence or blame your absence. But the truth is you are always with us. When we are fearful about the future, we pull back from others and worry more about our own safety and comfort. We forget that you are the source of all things. Forgive our sins and all the ways we have struggled in these months. Help us to trust in your abiding presence. We ask all this in the name of Jesus. 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.**

### **Children's Moment**

**Solo** "God Is My Shepherd" Antonin Dvořák  
*Christine Roberts, mezzo-soprano*

**A Reading from Scripture** Psalm 23  
(Pew Bible Page 548; Large Print 792)

**Sermon** "The Last Supper" Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

### **Communion**

**Communion Hymn** "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" (verses 2 and 3) No. 498

*Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.*

*By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

*Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here. Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"*

*By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken  
Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr. (2005)  
Music: The Sacred Harp, (1844); harm. James H. Wood (1958)  
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### **Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Holy One, together we have gathered at your table. We have fed upon the bread of heaven and shared the cup of salvation. We thank you for the blessings we have received in this sacrament. May your Spirit dwell within us and give us faith, hope and love now and always. Amen.**

## ***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***

**Thank you, God, for the abundant life we enjoy. Thank you for the relationship you offer us. Thank you for giving us the chance to share in your healing work. Bless the gifts we share and the lives we live in Christ's name. Amen.**

#### ***Sending Hymn***

"Great God of Every Blessing" (verses 1 and 3)

No. 694

*Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

*Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search, transforming broken people into the holy church. For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

Great God of Every Blessing  
Text: David Gambrell (2009)  
Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1864)  
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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***

"Break Forth, Ye Heavens!"

Edward Broughton

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:

### **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. Starting **May 6**, 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. Be sure to include your name and address with your contribution!
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 accounting 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, call Dr. Monroe at 517.896.0407 or email [smonroe@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:smonroe@thepeopleschurch.com).

**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 369714134#.

**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 963085991. They are currently reading *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman.