

SUNDAY WORSHIP JUNE 14, 2020



"You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'..."

James 2:8



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.



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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 | June 14, 2020

Prelude

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Gilbert Martin

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Drew Filkins

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: O God from whom every gift derives, we gather to worship you this day.

All: You are an awesome God, greater than our comprehension or our imagination.

One: You are beyond any word we could ever use to describe you. And yet, through Jesus, we know the intimacy of your vast love.

All: We have come to you in thanksgiving and praise, to know that you are God and to place our lives anew into your perspective.

One: Enlarge our vision this hour with your Word.

All: Instill in us, again, your hope in place of our despair, your peace where our hatred threatens, your joy amidst our depression, your love overwhelming our apathy.

One: May your Holy Spirit surround and indwell this congregation now, and forevermore. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"Come! Live in the Light!" (verses 1 and 2)

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God. We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more. We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Live in the Light!
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Music: David Haas (1988)
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Prayer of Confession

One: You are the God who hears: hear our prayer today for all who lament or repent. For those among us who face discrimination every day because of their skin color, we lament.

All: For those among us with white skin who benefit from racist systems sometimes even without realizing it, we repent.

One: For those among us who have struggled and waited so long for the Promised Land of freedom and equality, we lament.

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- All:** For those among us who have acted in racist ways and have hurt people of color, we repent.
- One: For those protesting injustice who face police brutality and a justice system rigged against them, we lament.
- All:** For those who think racism is someone else's problem, and not a problem for humanity, we repent.
- All:** God of hope, show us how to work for justice together, standing up for what is right, stepping in when something's wrong, shouldering each other's burdens, holding each other accountable, righting the wrongs we've done, speaking truth to power. We pray for change, lasting change, for protection for protesters, for a de-escalation of violence and for government leaders who listen. Deliver us from evil, within and without, in Jesus' name we pray, 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.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Special Music "Come, Thou Fount" arr. Craig Courtney
Lynn Fendler and Michaela Larsen, sopranos

A Reading from Scripture James 2:1-8, 12-19, 26
([Link to Passage](#))

Sermon "Untitled Sermon #1964" Rev. Drew Filkins

Hymn of Response "We Are One in the Spirit" (verses 1-3)

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Communion

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Haley Hansen

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 Lord, maker of us all, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves and teach us that faith without works is dead. Open us to the opportunities for ministry that lie before us, where faith and words and the need of our neighbor come together in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"In Christ There Is No East or West" (verses 1, 3 and 4)

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, what e'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ There Is No East or West
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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

"Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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.

WEBINAR ON THE PANDEMIC

On behalf of Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and The Peoples Church of East Lansing, you are invited to join us on **Thursday, June 18 at 4:00 p.m.** for the following webinar: [*Expected and Unexpected: A Review on the Epidemiology and Public Health Control of COVID-19.*](#)

Lixin Zhang, PhD

Assistant Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine

Objectives:

- Infectious disease epidemiology in the context of COVID-19;
- How and why infectious disease emerges and spreads;
- What role public health plays in controlling the spread of infectious disease and;
- What to expect as we come to the fall and winter

Join this meeting [here](#) or by clicking the title link above.

We are partnering with the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University to bring you informative meetings in lieu of our usual in-person meetings. If you have questions or issues with the link, please email Mary Anne at: malarz@aol.com.

VBS 2020: NOW CANCELED

We are sad to announce that VBS scheduled for June 15-19 has been canceled. The safety of our children, crew and staff are of the utmost priority and we feel this is the best choice at this time. We look forward to gathering again for VBS in 2021.

VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP

There will not be a virtual fellowship following today's worship service. We look forward to sharing in fellowship with you next Sunday, June 21.

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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 studying the Book of James.