

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## JUNE 28, 2020

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

All regularly scheduled Sunday programs have been suspended until further notice.

Worship Service are:

8:30 a.m. - in the Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. - in the Sanctuary &  
Livestream on YouTube

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

WNL! programming will return when it is safe to do so. Updates will be provided as they happen.

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.



"I will sing to the Lord, because he has  
dealt bountifully with me"

Psalm 13:6



**THE PEOPLES CHURCH**

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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 28, 2020

## **Prelude**

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"  
*Judy Kabodian, organ*

arr. George Shearing

## **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: Early in the morning, our thoughts turn toward God.  
We gather to worship in God's powerful presence.

**All: Trusting in God's steadfast love, we come as we are:  
Joyful, anxious, hopeful, doubting.**

One: God has made an everlasting covenant with us.  
We remind ourselves of what we know.

**All: God has never abandoned us in times of trouble.  
God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Do not be troubled or fearful in God's presence,  
for God's light will shine upon us.

**All: May the peace of Christ and power of the Spirit  
enter into our hearts as we worship the Lord!**

## **Gathering Hymn**

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (verses 1, 2, 3 and 6)

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.*

*Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.*

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.*

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past  
Text: Isaac Watts (1719)  
Music: Attr. William Croft (1708)  
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## **Prayer of Confession**

**God of mercy, we confess that we have felt abandoned by you. We have accused you of ignoring our pain and inflicting suffering. We have blamed you for events that were outside our control and imagined that you are indifferent to our pain. We have wandered far from you and then lamented your absence. Forgive our selfishness and all our other sins. We long to rest in your presence and receive your peace. 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.**

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

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

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

**Solo** "Steal Away to Heaven" arr. Mark Hayes  
*Will Johnson, tenor*

**A Reading from Scripture** Psalm 13  
([Link to Passage](#))

**Sermon** "How Long, O Lord?" Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

**Hymn of Response** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (verses 1 and 2)

*Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
Text: Thomas A. Dorsey (1938)  
Music: George N. Allen (1844); arr. Thomas A. Dorsey (1938)  
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### ***Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer***

**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 One, we share these gifts as a sign of our gratitude. It is a privilege and a joy to have enough to share. Bless this offering and help us to be faithful in our ministry in Christ's name. Amen.**

### ***Sending Hymn***

"Give to the Winds Thy Fears" (verses 1, 2, and 4)

*Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed. God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.  
Through waves and clouds and storms God gently clears the way. Wait patiently; so this night soon shall end in joyous day.  
Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare, and publish with our final breath thy love and guardian care.*

Give to the Winds Thy Fears  
Text: Paul Gerhardt (1653); trans. John Wesley (1737)  
Music: William H. Walter (1872)  
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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***

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

arr. John Ferguson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?

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](mailto:matheso4@msu.edu) to learn more about our amazing community of faith!

### VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP

Join us for a virtual Friendship Hall this 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#.

# Good News!

The Peoples Church is planning to reopen our sanctuary for in-person worship services beginning **Sunday, July 5!**

**Reopening Update:** At our June 23 Council Meeting, we made two adjustments to our plans for returning to the sanctuary. We will **NOT BE CHANGING** the time of services. There will be services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school offered at the 10:30 a.m. service.

The 10:30 a.m. service will also be livestreamed (we are making livestreaming a permanent part of our ministry).

You should have received our guidelines for coming back to church in an email. They are also posted on our website. Please let us know if you have any questions.



## 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.