

SUNDAY WORSHIP JULY 19, 2020



*"The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;
the field is the world, and the good seed are
the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the
children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed
them is the devil... "*

Matthew 13:8-9



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

Worship Services 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.



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!](#)

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Prelude

"Sonata IV: Allegretto"
Judy Kabodian, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

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: Oh Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You discern my thoughts from far away.

**All: You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

One: Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?

**All: Search me, O God, and know my heart.
See if there is any wicked way in me
And lead me in the way everlasting.**

One: Let us worship God!

Gathering Hymn

"God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!" (verses 1, 2 and 4)

God reigns! Let earth rejoice! Let oceans shout God's might! Borne up by truth and righteousness, God's throne is our delight. Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!

God's fire ignites the clouds with judgement swift and just; the evil find their deeds in vain; God's foes are brought to dust. Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!

The radiance of God's light beams joy into our days; now filled with God's own peace and love, our hearts resound with praise. Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!

God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!
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Prayer of Confession

God of all nations, we praise you that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet we confess our slowness to open our hearts and minds to people of other lands, tongues, and races. Deliver us from the sins of fear and prejudice that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ.

Moment of Silence and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response "Spirit of the Living God"

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Senior Recognition

Chloe Mellor

Lansing Community College

Sam Mellor

Lansing Community College

Maddy Moreno

Michigan State University

Joe Kennedy

Special Music

"Be Thou My Vision"

Gillian and John Riesen

arr. Richard Walters

A Reading from Scripture Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

24 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' 28 He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' 29 But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." 37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Sermon

"The Weed of the Week"

Haley Hansen

Hymn of Response

"How Happy Are the Saints of God" (verses 1 and 3)

How happy are the saints of God who do not heed the wicked way; delighting in the holy Word they seek God's wisdom night and day.

While wicked ones are whisked away like straw before the driving wind, the saints are firmly planted still, and God will keep them to the end.

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

As the wheat is gathered into the barns, O God, so the fruit of our labors are brought into your house. Through your judgement, render our gifts acceptable in your sight. Set them aside as worthy, so that Jesus Christ, the bread of life, may nourish others.

Blessing of Joe Kennedy

Rev. Drew Filkins

Sending Hymn

"Go to the World!" (verses 2-4)

Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the World!
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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

"Sonata III: Maestoso"

Felix Mendelssohn

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU!

I have had the absolute pleasure of being the Director of Youth Ministry here at The Peoples Church since 2017. In that time, I've been extremely privileged to grow and learn alongside the youth of this wonderful church!

I have been challenged, and loved, and pushed, and supported in so many ways I can hardly begin to count them all, and all of these experiences have provided a very firm foundation for my call to ministry.

I have received many cards and well wishes from so many of my friends here, and I will carry them with me as I continue on to my seminary education in Tennessee. The Peoples Church is a huge part of my life story now, and I hope in some small way that I have been able to contribute to the life story of this congregation. I have so very much to be thankful for, and that list starts with you.

~Joe Kennedy

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 to learn more about our amazing community of faith!

VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP*

Join us, virtually each Sunday, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service for fellowship. It's easy! 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#.

* Please note: For those who are with us in person for worship, there will not be a fellowship until further notice. Virtual fellowship will continue for those at home.

VIRTUAL GROUPS

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 studying the book, *White Fragility*, by Robin Diangelo.

WELCOME BACK!

We are glad to have you with us in person to worship together once again!

Rest assured we are doing our part to provide a safer environment for worship. We ask that you do your part and screen yourself for potential COVID-19 symptoms prior to coming to the church building. **DO NOT** come if you are feeling unwell, are experiencing any symptoms of illness, or if you have come into contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

While here, please wear a mask, practice social distancing and follow the safety measures that we have put in place for the safety of everyone.



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.

THANK YOU

Joe Kennedy!

