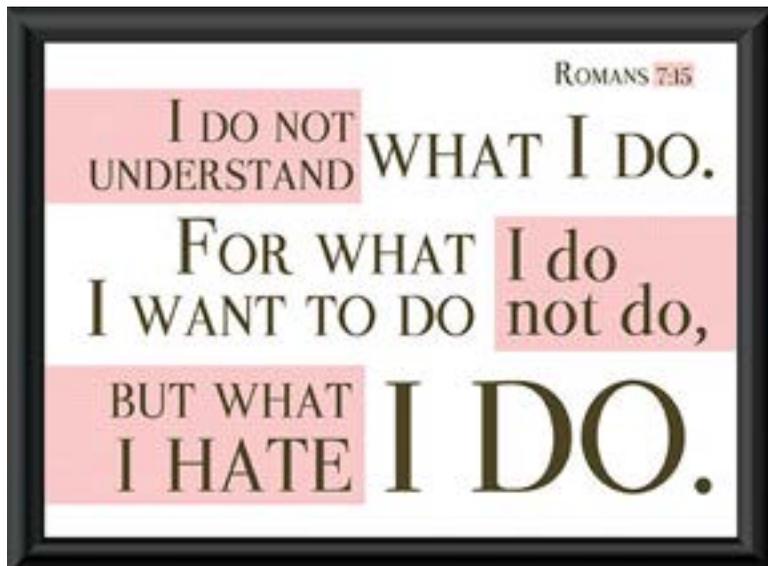


# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## JULY 5, 2020

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### 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

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### 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.

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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**

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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 | July 5, 2020

## **Prelude**

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"  
*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: Come as you are, children of God,  
and worship your Creator.

**All: We have strayed from God's commands.  
How can we enter God's house?**

One: Come as you are, followers of Christ,  
and worship your Savior!

**All: We have not loved like Jesus commanded.  
How can we call ourselves Christian?**

One: Come as you are, beloved of God.  
By God's grace, you are made whole and holy.

**All: Thanks be to God for the gift of the Spirit!  
We come as we are to worship the Lord!**

## **Gathering Hymn**

"God of Grace and God of Glory" (verses 1, 2 and 4)

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.*

God of Grace and God of Glory  
Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1930)  
Music: John Hughes (1907)  
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## **Prayer of Confession**

**O God, you know the pain of all our broken relationships. Some we have tried to mend, and others we have tried to ignore. You have shown us the path that leads to the abundant life, but we continue to choose the road that leads to sorrow and despair. We pretend we have not sinned against you and against one another, but you see us as we are: wounded and wounding. By your mercy, forgive our sins, bind up our wounds, open our eyes and soften our hearts. We long to be held in your embrace. 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** "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!" arr. Howard Helvey  
*Michaela Larsen, soprano*

### ***A Reading from Scripture*** Romans 7:15-25a

15 I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. 16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. 17 But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. 18 For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. 20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, 23 but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

**Sermon** "Do the Right Thing?" Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

### ***Hymn of Response*** "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" (verses 1, 2 and 4)

*Forgive our sins as we forgive, you taught us, Lord to pray, but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.*

*How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?*

*Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease. Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.*

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive  
Text: Rosamond E. Herklots (1969, 1983 alt.)  
Music: Supplement to Kentucky Harmony (1820); harm. Margaret W. Mealy (1985)  
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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 God, you have never given up on us, even when we have turned away from you. We offer these gifts as a sign of our gratitude for your steadfast love. Bless this offering and all the ministry that we support. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" (verses 1 and 3)

*Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord, to help to set the captive free, make plow-share out of sword, to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.*

*Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream, with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem. For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease, a world that was created for a harmony of peace.*

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Text: H. Kenn Carmichael (1985)

Music: English County Songs (1893); harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams (1906)

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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***

"Music of the Royal Fireworks"

G.F. Handel

## 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\*

**Our virtual Friendship Hall WILL NOT be held today (July 5);** however, please join us, virtually, next Sunday, July 12 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.

## 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.



## 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 will begin the book, *White Fragility*, by Robin Diangelo.