

SUNDAY WORSHIP AUGUST 16, 2020



"Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish. ""

Matthew 15:28

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

Worship Service:

10:30 a.m. - in the Sanctuary &
Livestream on YouTube
Children's Sunday School

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.



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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

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Dale Wood

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: Open the doors to God's house;
All are welcome here!

**All: May God be gracious to us and bless us.
May God's face shine over all the earth's people.**

One: In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male or female;
We are One in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**All: May God grant us understanding and courage.
May faith grow beyond our doubts.**

One: Let all the world join in worship!
Together, let us praise the Lord our God!

**All: Through Christ, we are made one!
Let us worship our God and rejoice in our salvation!**

Gathering Hymn

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (verses 1, 2 and 5)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace.

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Text: Charles Wesley (1739) alt.

Music: Carl Gotthelf Gläser (1828); arr. Lowell Mason (1839)

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Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, O God, for the sin we recognize in ourselves and the wounds we do not see. Show us how we have hurt one another and give us the courage required to seek forgiveness. Reveal to us our disobedience to you and keep us from leading others into our sin. We pray for forgiveness and depend on your mercy. Cleanse us to new life in Christ. Amen.

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.**

Children's Moment

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Solo

"God Is My Shepherd"

Antonin Dvořák

Christine Roberts, mezzo-soprano

A Reading from Scripture Matthew 15:21-28

The Canaanite Woman's Faith

21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." 23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Sermon

"Ever Expanding Grace"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (verses 1 and 4)

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Music: John Zundel (1870)

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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

We have been blessed by you, O God, and so we are eager to share. May we offer more than the crumbs from our table. May our gifts and our very lives bring help, hope and healing to any person in need. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"When the Lord Redeems the Very Least" (verses 1 and 2)

When the Lord redeems the very least, we will rejoice. When the hungry gather for the feast, we will rejoice. We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice. All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice!

When the Lord restores the sick and weak, we will rejoice. When the earth is given to the meek, we will rejoice. We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice. All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice!

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1991)

Music: Albert E. Brumley(1932); arr. Evelyn Simpson-Cureton (2001)

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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

"Come, Great God of All the Ages"

arr. Michael Burkhardt



Floral Dedication:

Given by June Marsh in memory of the 156 people, including son and daughter-in-law Craig and Kim Hale, who perished August 16, 1987 in the tragic crash of Northwest Airlines Flight 255 at Detroit Metro Airport.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHANGE IN WORSHIP TIMES

It has been decided to put our 8:30 a.m. worship service on pause for now. We will continue to hold an in-person worship service at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary as well as livestream our service at the same time. We look forward to seeing you, whether in person or virtually, each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have made the decision to postpone Sunday School until further notice; however, we will continue to provide materials to those families who request it. Contact Kathi Mitchell at: kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com for more information.

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.