

SUNDAY WORSHIP AUGUST 23, 2020



"...and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it."

Matthew 16:18

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**

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

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Hal H. Hopson

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: God calls us to worship and we come;
some with laughter and some with grief.

**All: God calls us to worship and we come;
some out of habit and some out of need.**

One: God calls us to worship and we come;
some who are eager and some who are exhausted.

**All: God calls us to worship and we come;
some who are faith-filled and many who are full of doubt.**

One: We are God's beloved children and we come as we are:
with joy and pain, hurt and hope, fearful and faithful.

**All: God has called and we are here.
Let us worship our God together!**

Gathering Hymn

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (verses 1 and 3)

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!*

The Lord is never far away, but, through all the grief distressing, and ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing, as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band: to God all praise and glory!

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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Music: Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesang (1566); harm. Maurice F. Bell (1906)

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Prayer of Confession

Righteous God, you sent us your son, Christ Jesus, Lord of all. We confess that we have not recognized him for who he is and we have turned away from the claim his has on us. We have pledged our allegiance to the powers of this world and failed to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, O God, forgive us. Help us to claim Christ in our hearts and proclaim Christ through our living. We ask all this in his name. 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

Solo "Sometimes a Light Surprises" Craig Courtney
Michaela Larsen, soprano

A Reading from Scripture Matthew 16:13-20

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Sermon "The God We Need" Rev. Dr. Shawthea Monroe

Hymn of Response "I Need Thee Every Hour" (verses 1 and 4)

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford. I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee! O bless me now, my Savior—I come to thee!

I need thee every hour, Most Holy One; O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son. I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee! O bless me now, my Savior—I come to thee!

I Need Thee Every Hour
Text: Annie S. Hawks (1872); ref. Robert Lowry (1872)
Music: Robert Lowry (1872)
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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

Gracious God, we offer these gifts with humility and gratitude. May you lead us to offer more of our time, resources and ourselves to the world. We give with the hope that this offering will bring help and healing to those in need. We pray this all in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation" (verses 1, 4 and 5)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. She is his new creation by water and by word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride. With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace for evermore: till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

The Church's One Foundation
Text: Samuel John Stone (1866)
Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1864)
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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

"Foundation"

arr. Wilbur Held

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



HALEY'S LAST DAY

Today is Haley Hansen's last day with us; she is returning to Boston University School of Theology for her second year of seminary. As our Pastoral Intern, Haley has been responsible for visitation to our home-bound, working with the campus ministry, assisting with worship, and editing our website. Her ministry with us has been inspiring and creative - and we will miss her! We wish her God's blessings as she continues her M.Div. studies and we look forward to hearing from her in the future!

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.

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive

The Peoples Church

Wednesday, September 23, 2020
1:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

To schedule an appointment log onto RedCrossBlood.org
and enter sponsor code: Peoples Church EL

*Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes
by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation
reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.*

