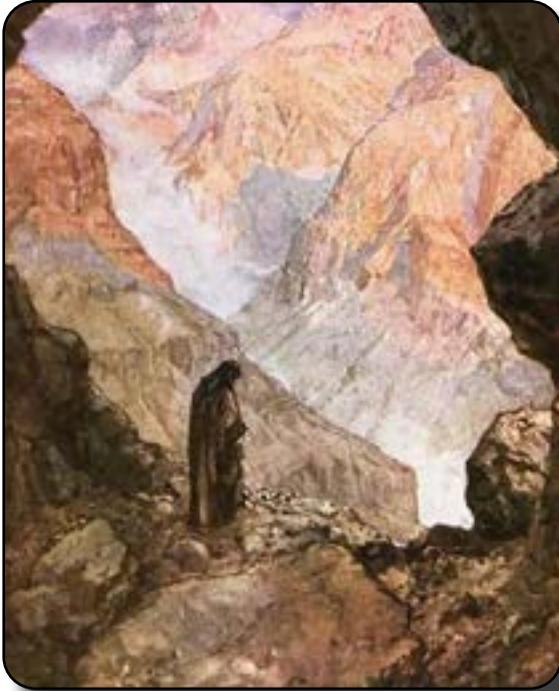


SUNDAY WORSHIP

AUGUST 9, 2020



"What are you doing here Elijah?"

1 Kings 19:13

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

"How Great Thou Art"
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Gregg Sewell

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Drew Filkins

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: O God of the still, small voice, quiet our inner spirit.

All: There are so many noises demanding our time, demanding our attention.

One: Help us to focus on you. Help us to hear your voice.

All: You alone are our salvation and hope. May your voice speak through us as we worship together!

Gathering Hymn

"God Is Calling through the Whisper" (verses 1 and 3)

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs, through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise. Flash of lightening, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder: God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts, through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts. Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing: God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!

God Is Calling through the Whisper
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Music: Polish Carol; harm. Wilbur Lee (1958)
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Prayer of Confession

God, we admit that your ways are not our ways. We have sought you in disruptive earthquakes, in crackling thunder, in mighty victories. We want you to wow us. Yet you, O God, are found in manglers, in the sound of silence, and in the least of these. God, we ask that you would save us from our aimless wanderings, our idols, and our self-induced chaos. Forgive us for the ways we fail to listen to you and to each other. We ask that you would work through our stubbornness to help us see you in the world you've created. We pray this in Jesus' 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

Rev. Drew Filkins

Solo "If With All Your Hearts" from "Elijah" Felix Mendelssohn
John Riesen, tenor

A Reading from Scripture 1 Kings 19:9-18

9 At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

Elijah Meets God at Horeb

11 He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." 15 Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16 Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. 17 Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. 18 Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Sermon "The Peaks and the Pits" Haley Hansen

Hymn of Response "Be Still My Soul" (verses 1 and 2)

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will remain. Be still my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

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

Holy God, we offer you these gifts that you may use them for your glory. May you work through these offerings to provide healing and hope in this world that so desperately needs it. We offer this all in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (verses 1, 3 and 5)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear. And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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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

"Bell Symphony"

Henry Purcell

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.!

UNDIE SUNDAYS HAVE RETURNED!

Community Engagement is again collecting NEW underwear and socks for school aged children (K-12). Collected items will go to the Love Clothing Closet at Judson Memorial Baptist Church. Please bring in your donations to the church and place in the red collection basket (located outside the church office at the Northeast entrance). Donations will be accepted until **August 17**.



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.



Update: Stephen Ministry Training

Stephen Ministry is a lay ministry that provides Christian caregiving to church members going through difficult times. Despite the limitations that COVID-19 has placed on meeting together, it still looks like we could have a group of Stephen Ministers trained at the church by the end of this fall. By attending a series of 20 zoom sessions of an hour each and reading pages and pages of leadership training materials, Aram Kabodian plans to be trained as a Stephen Leader by the end of August. The first group of Stephen Ministers would begin training (probably a hybrid of face-to-face and zoom meetings) in October. By God's grace and your prayers, we hope to have the program in place by mid-winter.

For more information, go to stephenministries.org; also, if you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, call the church office or email Aram at: akabodian@gmail.com.