

SUNDAY WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 13, 2020



*"Then the Lord said to Moses,
"Stretch out your hand over the sea"..."*

Exodus 14:26



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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

"Vivace"
Judy Kabodian, organ

G.F. Handel

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: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God.
Let us remember God's marvelous works!

**All: Surely God has saved us in difficult times.
How can we forget God's enduring presence?**

One: In the midst of trials and temptations,
God's guiding hand has been with us.

**All: We will remember the God of our salvation!
With grateful hearts, let us rejoice and praise the Lord!**

Gathering Hymn

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" (verses 1 - 3)

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
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Music: Stralsund Ernewerten Gesangbuch (1665); harm. The Chorale Book for England (1863)
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Prayer of Confession

We bow before your judgment seat, O God. We have ranked our sisters and brothers by the faulty standards of human society and drawn lines between the worthy and the unworthy. We have rejected those whom we dislike and turned our backs on those who cry out for justice. We have forgotten your righteous actions and lived according to our own devices. Forgive us, dear God. Save us from the pain we inflict on others and bless us with your forgiveness. We await your word and your guidance. Amen.

Moment of Silence and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response "We Are Forgiven"

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Anthem

"On Eagles Wings"

arr. Mark Hayes

Dr. Jonathan Reed, conductor

A Reading from Scripture Exodus 14:19-31

19 The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. 20 It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. 21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. 22 The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. 23 The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. 24 At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. 25 He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

26 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." 27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. 28 The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. 29 But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. 30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31 Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Sermon

"The Story We Tell"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

"God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength" (verses 1, 2 and 4)

*God is our refuge and our strength, our ever present aid, and therefore, though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid;
Though hills amid the seas be cast, though foaming waters roar, yea, though the mighty billows shake the mountains
on the shore.*

Since God is in the midst of it, the city walls shall stand, secure and safe with God's sure help, when trouble is at hand.

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; **Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.****

Prayer of Dedication

As we gather our gifts together, may you gather us to yourself, Holy One. Unite us through your Spirit and help us spread the Good News of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (verses 1 and 3)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
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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.**

*Today, we are retiring "Go Now In Peace" as our weekly Benediction response. We will still sing this beloved response on special Sundays, (Communion Sundays or after our Annual Meeting), but on regular Sundays, the music ministry will bless us with a variety of benediction responses.

Postlude

"Allegro Maestoso"

G.F. Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

Starting **TODAY**, Sunday School is back! Kathi Mitchell is very excited to see your children, so we are going to have Sunday School this September and see how much participation we get. Kathi has the Robertson Room all set up for a socially distant class and each child or set of siblings will get their own table and supplies. A reminder that the children will be released after the children's moment to walk across the hall and masks are required for everyone's safety. If you are not yet comfortable returning to services, Kathi also has packets of supplies for delivery or pick up. Contact her for more information.

CASTING CALL FOR OUR VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

It's that time of year again and we are happy to announce we will be doing a **virtual** Christmas pageant this December! We're going to make a movie of "The Case of the Reluctant Innkeeper" to be shown during a service and live streamed on our YouTube channel. It's going to be fantastic! If your child would like to participate, please contact Kathi Mitchell as soon as possible. Roles are being cast and Zoom rehearsals with Mrs. Reed will begin soon!

FLU SHOT CLINIC

The Peoples Church will again sponsor a flu shot clinic primarily for church and preschool staff members and their families on **September 24** from Noon to 3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Members of the church are also invited to join the staff as they prepare for the coming flu season. If you wish to get your flu shot here, please bring your insurance/Medicare card. Covid-19 precautions will be in place and face masks are required.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Peoples Church Campus Ministry is continuing to meet each Thursday evening from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. outside near the Northeast entrance of the church. This fall, a variety of topics will be covered in this weekly Bible study. All college students are welcome and dinner is provided!

NEW MEMBER CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a member of The Peoples Church, or simply want to know more about this remarkable community, consider joining us for a New Member Class, via Zoom, on **October 11** at 11:30 a.m. Email Robin Matheson at matheso4@msu.edu to let her know you are interested in attending and she will add you to the Invite for the class. You may also call Robin at 517.290.3223.

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 this link: [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

Below are some of our currently offered Bible studies or fellowship groups that meet virtually, via Zoom.



SERMON PREVIEW GROUP: meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. To join, [click here](#); Meeting ID: 861 2945 8059. You can also dial 1.929.205.6099 and when prompted enter 861 2945 8059.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE: meets each Monday at 11:00 a.m. Beginning September 14, we will be studying Romans. 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.

WEDNESDAY NOON MENS GROUP: will begin on September 16 and will meet each Wednesday at Noon. At our first meeting, we will be discussing what book we will be studying. To join, [click here](#).

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. 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, 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.*

