

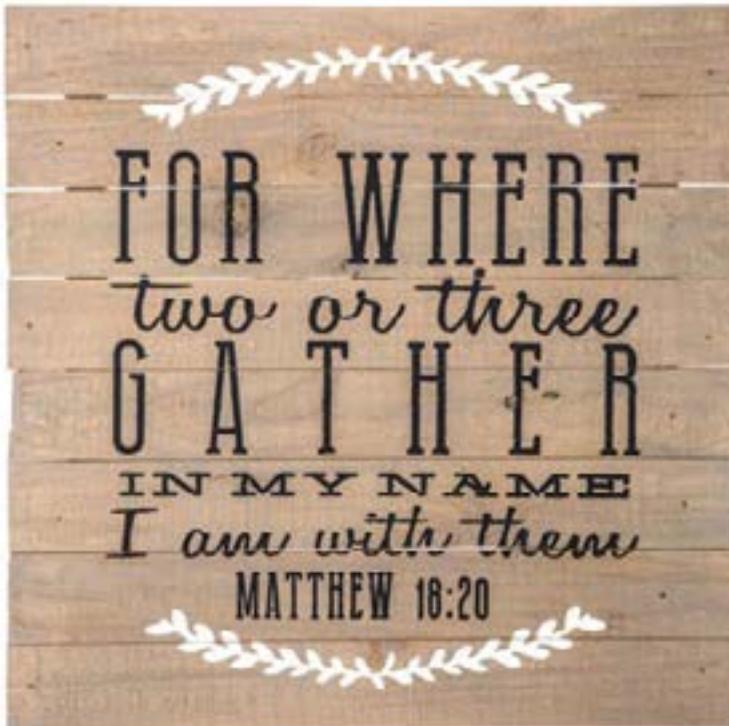
SUNDAY WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

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

"There is a Spirit that Delights to Do No Evil"
Neill Campbell, organ

Ned Rorem

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: People of God, open your eyes!
Look around!

All: The presence of our Lord Jesus Christ is here—among us and within us.

One: God's salvation is close at hand—nearer than you know.

**All: So open your hearts and minds to the Spirit,
and let's worship God together!**

Gathering Hymn

"Morning Has Broken" (verses 1, 2 and 3)

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dew-fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

Morning Has Broken

Text: Eleanor Farjeon (1931); alt.

Music: Gaelic melody; arr. Beverly A. Howard (2012)

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Prayer of Confession

Holy One, You call us to wake from sleep, to become aware of our surroundings. The dawn of a new time of preparation is upon us. Forgive us when sleepiness takes its toll, when our discussions become battles, when our judgement and self-judgement outweigh our faith. Let us put on the light of Christ and live as You have called us in respect, in mutual dialogue, and in healthy living. Help us so that everything we do reflects Christ's light. 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.**

Communion

Children's Moment

Solo "Give Me Jesus" arr. Moses Hogan
Lindsay Campbell, soprano

A Reading from Scripture Matthew 18:15-20

Reproving Another Who Sins

15 "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. 16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Sermon "A Hard Conversation" Rev. Drew Filkins

Hymn of Response "Be Thou My Vision" (verses 1, 3 and 4)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Be Thou My Vision
Text: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne (1905); vers. Eleanor Hull (1912)
Music: Harm. (1927), Oxford University Press
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Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

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

Praise God in the company of those who love him! Let God's people celebrate their Sovereign Creator, and praise his name with music and dance! Let our time, talents, and treasures show the works of God to the campus, community, and congregation. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (verses 1, 3 and 4)

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

*Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

*At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
Text: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1865)
Music: Arthur Henry Messiter (1883)
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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

"Le Tic-Toc-Choc, ou les Maillotins"

Francois Couperin

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ON THE CUSP OF STEPHEN MINISTRY



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Stephen Ministry is a lay ministry that provides Christian caregiving to church members going through difficult times. Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of intensive training which—together with the grace of God—equips them with essential skills to offer this Christ-centered care. We plan to have a group of Stephen Ministers in training (probably a hybrid of face-to-face and Zoom meetings) by the end of this fall. Aram Kabodian completed Stephen Leader training and is looking for a few more people interested in becoming Stephen Ministers. Please keep this ministry in your prayers; we hope to have the program in place for you before spring. 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.

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

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. 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.

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.*

