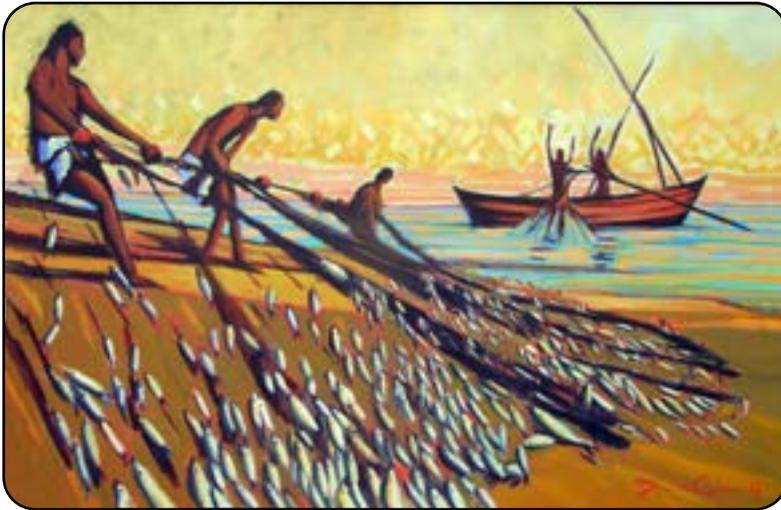


SUNDAY WORSHIP

JANUARY 24, 2021



"And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed Him."

Mark 1:17

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 is still 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.



!!NEW PHONE NUMBER!!

To join the worship service via telephone, please dial **(844) 933-0517** and follow the prompts.

MAKE A GIFT ONLINE!

[CLICK HERE!](#)

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Prelude

"Today We All Are Called"
Judy Kabodian, organ

arr. Eugene Englert

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Call to Worship

One: From the east, the west, the north and the south:
we come to worship our Lord.

**All: God calls us out of our isolation to join hands and hearts.
We are one in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

One: God calls us out of our confusion to speak to us through the Word.
Let us set aside our differences and together worship our God.

**All: We, who are many, are one family of faith.
In God's house, all are welcome.**

One: Let us quiet our hearts and breathe in the Spirit.

All: We are God's beloved children, one family in Christ.

Gathering Hymn

"You Walk Along Our Shoreline" (verses 1 - 3)

You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea. We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me. And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal, then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."

You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth. We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth. We spread your net of gospel across the water's face, our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.

We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name; we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain. You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons, to let your judgement heal us so that all may be one.

You Walk Along Our Shoreline
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Music: Johann Steurlein (1575)
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Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we confess we have lost sight of what is important. We have worshipped the little gods of this world, giving them our time, our attention and our resources. We choose our friends and turn our backs on strangers. We judge too quickly and forgive too slowly. The idols of this world have led us far from you. We long to be gathered into your net, caught by your love, and healed by your presence. Forgive our sins, Almighty God, and unite us all through your Son. Amen.

Moment of Silent 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 Message

Anthem

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

arr. Ed Lojeski

I am weak but Thou art strong. Jesus keep me from all wrong. I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to Thee. Through this world of toils and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee, Jesus, grant my humble plea! Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be. When the journey here is o'er, time for me will be no more. Guide me to Thy distant shore, to Thy shore, oh dear Lord, to Thy shore. Just a closer walk with Thee, Jesus, grant my humble plea! Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

A Reading from Scripture Mark 1:14-20

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." 16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Sermon

"Y'all Come"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

"We Are One in the Spirit" (verses 1 - 3)

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We Are One in the Spirit
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Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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

Gracious God, bless these gifts that we dedicate to your work. Help us not just to support the church but to BE the church, now and always. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Jesus Calls Us" (verses 1, 3 and 4)

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus call us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy obedience serve and love thee best of all.

Jesus Calls Us

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Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

"Go Forth in Faith"

Franklin Ritter

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHICs BIBLE STUDY GROUP

CHiCs (Connected Hearts in Christ) Small Group meets each Thursday over Zoom from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining us please email Beth Lundy at: Lundybb@comcast.net or 610.246.0029 by call or text. This group is currently reading the book, *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans.

PCYG VIRTUAL GROUPS

The Peoples Church Youth Group continues to meet weekly via Zoom. The Middle School group meets each Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and the High School group meets each Sunday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. If you have a child in middle or high school that is interested in joining the PCYG, email [Elisha Smith](mailto:Elisha.Smith) for more information and to get the Zoom link.

PEOPLES CHURCH PRAYER CHAIN

Our church has a very active, energetic and viable prayer chain that includes about 40 prayer warriors praying daily for cherished individuals who need the comfort and healing of prayer. People may have lost loved ones, have friends or family who are ill or have the need for mental, emotional or physical support. To request prayers, all it takes is approval from those needing prayers, an agreement to support this covenant group and periodic updating. Grieving individuals may receive prayers for 1 year. All other requests need updating every 3 months. Know that you may always extend these guidelines, if needed. Contact the church office or Janet Perron at: jrperron@comcast.net if you have a prayer request, or if you are interested in joining the prayer chain. It helps to have **Peoples Church Prayer Group** on the subject line.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

The Peoples Forum offers monthly presentations from a dynamic lineup of guest speakers! The meetings will take place via Zoom, once per month (for now), at 9:30 a.m. Be sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming forums:

February 7: Will Repko
MSU Debate Coach of National Champion Debate Team

March 7: Neil Mueller
Trumpeter

[Join the Zoom meeting here](#); Meeting ID: 848 3386 7143. Or, you can dial 1 301 715 8592 and enter the meeting ID: 848 3386 7143. Email questions to [Mary West](#).

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: 841 4703 4632. You can also dial 1.929.205.6099 and when prompted enter 841 4703 4632.

TUESDAY MORNING MENS GROUP: meets each Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. To join, [click here](#). The meeting ID is: 837 5361 0456; passcode is: TPC. You can also dial 1.301.715.8592 and when prompted enter the meeting code 837 5361 0456 and passcode 160971.

WEDNESDAY NOON MENS GROUP: meets each Wednesday at Noon. To join, [click here](#).

WEDNESDAY PCYG MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP: meets each Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. If interested in joining this group, email [Elisha Smith](#), PCYG Director.

SUNDAY PCYG HIGH SCHOOL GROUP: meets each Sunday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. If interested in joining this group, email [Elisha Smith](#), PCYG Director.

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: 885 9630 8098 and when asked for a password enter: TPC (please note, this is a new meeting link ID and passcode).

Don't have access to internet? No problem! You can still join us from ANY phone! Dial by your location; see below:

- +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C)
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Enter the Meeting ID: 885 9630 8098 and password 680020

* 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.



