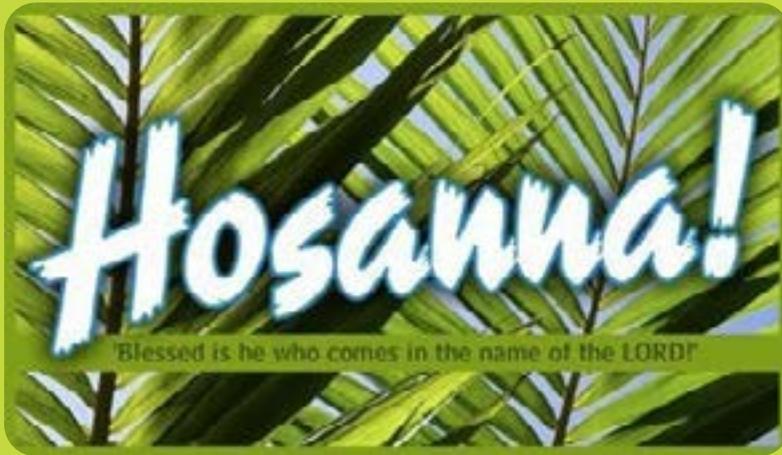


# PALM SUNDAY

## MARCH 28, 2021

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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

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### 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.

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### 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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Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

**Kari Naghtin**, Chairperson  
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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.



## PHONE NUMBER

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

# MAKE A GIFT ONLINE!

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP | MARCH 28, 2021

## **Prelude**

"Processional"  
*Judy Kabodian, organ*

William Mathias

## **Procession of the Palms**

*From every corner a thousand voices sing praise to the One who comes in the name of God. Our acclamation breaks forth in shouts of praise, our triumphant song of joy: "Hosanna, hosanna to Christ! Hosanna, hosanna to Christ!"*

## **Welcome to The Peoples Church!**

Rev. Penny Swartz

## **Call to Worship**

- One: Who is this riding among us?  
**All: Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.**
- One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of God.  
**All: Hosanna, may his Way be victorious.**
- One: Who is this riding the animal of peace?  
**All: Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.**
- One: Blessed be the freedom he brings.  
**All: Hosanna, may his Way be victorious.**
- One: Who is this carrying the palm of peace?  
**All: Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.**
- One: Blessed be our leader, the Prince of peace.  
**All: Hosanna, may his Way be victorious.**
- One: Who is this that destroys the weapons of war?  
**All: Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.**
- One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of God.  
**All: Hosanna, may his Way be victorious.**
- One: Who is this that frees the oppressed from prison?  
**All: Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.**
- One: Blessed is he who releases all captives.  
**All: Hosanna, may his Way be victorious.**
- One: Who is this that makes wars to cease in all the world?  
**All: Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.**
- One: Blessed is he who restores the Paradise of Eden.  
**All: Hosanna, may his Way be victorious.**

## **Gathering Hymn**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (verses 1 and 2)

*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.*

*From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud; the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.*

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Text: Jennette Threlfall (1873)

Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Württembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle (1784)

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## **Prayer of Confession**

One: Examine me, O God, and know my heart; test and judge my thoughts.

**All: Find any deceit in me and guide me in the way of life.**

*(silent reflection)*

One: Create in me a new heart, O God,

**All: And strengthen me with a constant spirit.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

One: Come, dear friends and receive God's grace; see all that God is doing for you.  
Follow Jesus, as he leads you closer to God.

**All: We will sing of God's love for us. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven. Amen.**

## **Congregational Response** "Restore In Us, O God"

**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;  
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

## **Children's Message**

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

## **Anthem**

"Hosanna to the Son of David"

Ron A. Nelson

*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord! Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin. Hosanna to the Son of David!*

## **A Reading from Scripture** Mark 11:1-11

11 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples 2 and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. 3 If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" 4 They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, 5 some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" 6 They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. 7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. 9 Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! 10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" 11 Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

## **Sermon**

"Who, What, When, Where, and Why"

Rev. Penny Swartz

## **Hymn of Response**

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty" (verses 1 and 3)

*Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry; thy humble beast pursues its road with palms and scattered garments strowed.*

*Ride on! ride on in majesty! The hosts of angels in the sky look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.*

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty  
Text: Henry Hart Milman (1827)  
Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1862)  
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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**

One: What you have done for us is marvelous in our eyes, gracious God.

**All: Our gifts can never match your goodness toward us.**

One: Your saving grace, your healing light, are so far beyond our imagining!

**All: We can only offer ourselves, all we have and all we are.**

One: Receive, O God, our humble service.

**All: Hosanna in the highest! Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (verses 2 and 4)

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

*The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.*

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

*Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!*

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

All Glory, Laud, and Honor  
Text: Theodulph of Orleans (c. 820); trans. John Mason Neale (1851)  
Music: Melchior Teschner (1614); arr. William Henry Monk (1861)  
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## **Benediction**

### **Benediction Response**

## **Postlude**

"The Royal Banners Forward Go"

arr. Wilbur Held

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS DUE TOMORROW, MARCH 29!

Be sure to get your dedication in for an Easter Lily by tomorrow. Fill out the form [online here](#), or fill out the form on the back of this bulletin and return to the church office **by Noon, March 29.**

### MAUNDY THURSDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

Our in-person Maundy Thursday service will be on April 1 at 6:30 p.m. Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed. Join us!

The Easter Sunday worship service will be held in-person as well as livestreamed on our YouTube site. If you would like to join us for the in-person Easter Sunday service, we are asking that you RSVP, as we can only allow a maximum of 130 people in the sanctuary. [TO RSVP CLICK HERE](#); once we reach our capacity we will not be able to accept more reservations. Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed.

### NEW MEMBERS

We are blessed to have so many visitors attending The Peoples Church virtually and in person and so many interested in learning more about our wonderful faith community! We are thankful that technology gives us the opportunity to share God's word and offer programs and classes virtually! Are you interested in learning more? Consider joining us for our next Zoom New Members Class on April 18! Sign up by contacting Robin Matheson at [matheso4@msu.edu](mailto:matheso4@msu.edu) or 517-290-3223.

### 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, at 9:30 a.m. Mark your calendars for our upcoming forums:

**April 11:** Marie Blair, Concert Pianist

**May 2:** Sean Holland, One Love Global

**June 6:** Dick Peffley, GM and CEO of Lansing Board of Water and Light

[Join the Zoom meeting here](#); Meeting ID: 952 4386 8996 and passcode is TPCPF. Or, dial 1 301 715 8592 and enter the meeting ID: 952 4386 8996 and passcode TPCPF. Email questions to [Mary West](#).

**Please note: The Zoom presentation of the Forum can now be viewed in-person, in the Robertson Room, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary will follow immediately afterward.**

## 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:** As men of faith, we read the Bible and other books, listening for God's voice and direction for our lives. We also listen to each other, looking to support and challenge each other's walk of faith. As we endeavor to do so, we find ways to put God's word into action in our lives and in God's wider kingdom on earth. If you are interested in participating in this group, they meet 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. They are reading *Life on the Vine: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit*, by Philip D. Kenneson.

**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:

- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C)
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

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.





## THE PEOPLES ALL-CHURCH TALENT SHOW APRIL 25!

Welcome Ministry is putting together a virtual *All-Church Talent Show* on Sunday, April 25 after Worship! Do you have a talent you'd like to share? Email [Diane Shafer](mailto:dmschafer2001@gmail.com) (dmschafer2001@gmail.com) with your name and your talent by **Sunday, April 11**. Then, make a recording of you and your talent on a phone, tablet or computer (**HORIZONTALLY**) and email it to [teamaudio@the-peopleschurch.com](mailto:teamaudio@the-peopleschurch.com). Acts are limited to 5 minutes. This event will be assembled ahead of time and premier on The Peoples Church YouTube page. At least 10 acts are needed for this event and the event is limited to one hour.

Yes, I (We) would like to help the sanctuary come alive with Lilies on Easter morning.

Please accept my gift of \$20 in support of the Sanctuary Decoration Fund.

In Memory of    In Celebration of    In Honor of    To the Glory of God

**Dedication** (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Given By** (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MARCH 29; return form to the church office.**

