

# EASTER SUNDAY

## APRIL 4, 2021

He is Risen

Alleluia!

### 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.



**THE PEOPLES CHURCH**

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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.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP | APRIL 4, 2021

### **Prelude**

"My Spirit Be Joyful" (from the Easter Cantata, no. 146)  
Neil Mueller and Isaac Hopkins, trumpets

J.S. Bach

### **Introit**

"Easter Fanfare"

E.E. Ferguson

*Christ is risen! Christ, the Lord, is risen from the tomb. Alleluia!*

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

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

### **Call to Worship**

One: Make a joyful noise, all you people!  
Christ is risen! Risen indeed!

**All: We hear the Good News!  
The grave is empty and Christ is risen!**

One: Praise God, our Creator!  
Praise Christ, our Redeemer!

**All: We give thanks to God, for God is good!  
Christ is risen! Risen indeed!**

One: Life has swallowed death!  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: We will rejoice and sing God's praises!  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

### **Gathering Hymn**

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (verses 1, 2 and 4)

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Text: Stanzas 1-3, Lyra Davidca (1708); stanza 4, Charles Wesley (1740)

Music: Lyra Davidca (1708); adapt. from The Complete Psalmodist (1749)

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### **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, you raised Jesus from the grave and shattered the power of sin and death. Forgive us that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to despair and death. We overlook the poor and hungry and pass by those who mourn. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace. We despise the weak and worship the famous. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust in your capacity to change our lives and make us new. Pull us out of the graves in which we live so we may know the joy of life in Christ. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

## **Congregational Response** "Christ is Risen!"

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:  
all creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

## **Children's Message**

### **Anthem**

"Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound"

G.F. Handel

*Awake the trumpet's lofty sound. The joyful sacred festival comes round, when Christ, the Lord of all the earth is risen.*

## **A Reading from Scripture** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Mark 16:1-8

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! 2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." 14 The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. 15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly 16 the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly." 17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. 18 The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. 20 This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. 21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. 22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. 23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. 24 This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Mark 16:1-8

16 When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" 4 When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6 But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." 8 So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

### **Sermon**

"Do Not Forget"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

### **Hymn of Response**

"Lift High the Cross" (verses 1, and 3)

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ the Son of God.*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally.*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Lift High the Cross

Text: George William Kitchin (1887); rev. Michael Robert Newbolt (1916)

Music: Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1916); desc. Richard Proulx (1985)

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***Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer***

Rev. Penny Swartz

**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***

**God of life, on this Easter Sunday, we dedicate this offering to your life-giving work in this world. Bless these gifts and extend your grace through us so that others hear of the salvation you bring. Amen.**

***Service of Communion***

***Prayer of Thanksgiving***

**Though we are separated one from another, Holy God, we have been united by your Spirit in this meal. We thank you for this sacred moment of communion with you. May we know Christ's redemptive love and live as people who know the grave is empty. Amen.**

***Sending Hymn***

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Introduction by the choir:

*I know that my Redeemer lives, and that He shall stand upon the earth, and though my body be destroyed, yet in my flesh shall I see God!*

Congregation:

*I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy this blest assurance gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever living Head!*

*He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save; He lives exalted, throned above; He lives to rule His church in love.*

*He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives! Amen!*

***Benediction***

***Benediction Response***

"Hallelujah Chorus"

G.F. Handel

***Postlude***

"The Strife is O'er"

Michael Helman

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### 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.**



### 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@thepeople-schurch.com](mailto:teamaudio@thepeople-schurch.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.

## 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.



# 2021 EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

## IN MEMORY OF...

**Our Parents: Norris and Jean Bryson & Clarence and Irene Coffman**, by Sandy Bryson

**Roy H. and Marion Heil**, by Susan Godfrey

**Howard and Daisy Angell**, by Jann Angell

**Marilyn Cornelius**, by Gene Cornelius and Family

**Patty and Eliza Brookover**, by Merrilyn Vaughn-Hoffman

**Thomas Vaughn and Steward Hoffman**, by Merrilyn Vaughn-Hoffman

**Dr. Curt and John Liechty**, by Mary and their family

**Shirley Guider**, by Mary Liechty

**Chuck Wing**, by Nancy Wing

**Our grandparents: Polly and Jack Reed & Tom DeSimone**, by Hallie and Christopher Reed

**Doris and Richard Luther**, by Nancy and Bill Danhof

**Margarite and Robert Danhof**, by Nancy and Bill Danhof

**Shirley Guider**, by the Guider, Grua families

**Our parents**, by Lynne and Tom Hoffmeyer

**Our parents Angelo Galasso & Bill and Virginia Tuma**, by Bill & Sharon Tuma

**Stanley and Doris Brower & Marie Brower**, by David Brower

**Robert Toth and Sandy Lamdis**, by Dee Toth

**William Woolsey, Allen Woolsey, Grace Woolsey & Kenneth and Mildred Moore**, by Janet Woolsey, Debra, and Jane

**Dr. Curt and John Liechty & parents of Steve and Lana Wagner**, by Steve and Lana Wagner

**Rev. Frank McAuley**, by the Men's Noon Club

**Bart Wegenke**, by Gary and Sandra Wegenke

**My husband James Carrey**, with love from his wife Renate

**Shirley Guider**, by Jerry and Valerie Nilson

**Russel and Arline Roe & Donald Pickard**, by Jo Ellyn Roe and family

**George and Katie Kerr**, by their children Christine, Calvin, Gwendolyn, and Elizabeth Ann

**Linda Janecke and Zorob Kabodian**, by Aram and Judy Kabodian

**Ruth Eddie and Julie Eddie**, by Kim Warren Eddie

## IN HONOR OF...

**My Mother, Sandra Galasso**, by Bill & Sharon Tuma

**Rev. Drew Filkins**, by the Men's Noon Club

**All the dedicated teachers for their service during these difficult times**, by Barbara McMillian

## IN CELEBRATION OF...

**My parents: Judith Stoddart and A.C. Goodson**, by Anna Newman

**The 2021 Class of Stephen Ministers**, by Susan Nowicki

**Our sons: Bret and Blake and their families**, by Gary and Sandra Wegenke

**Rev. Barb Scott, Jann Angell, Susan Andrews, Bob Ference & my children for help with the Edgewood bread donation for Wednesday night**, by John C. Stroup

## TO THE GLORY OF GOD...

**To the Glory of God**, by Paul C Babbit

**To the Glory of God**, by Joellyn Roe

