

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MAY 2, 2021

"Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"

Acts 8:36



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.

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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Prelude

"American Folk Hymn Suite"
Judy Kabodian, organ

Michael Burkhardt

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Call to Worship

- One: You who fear the Lord, praise him!
You who stand in awe of God, join in songs of praise!
- All: I will tell of your name to all my siblings.
In the midst of the congregation I will praise you, O God.**
- One: Who shall set a boundary on the mercy of God?
For God is good, and God's steadfast love endures forever!
- All: I will remember the works of the Lord and I will rejoice.
I will recall the goodness of God, and I will bow down before him.**
- One: Washed in the waters of salvation, we will praise God.
- All: For God is good, and God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Gathering Hymn

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" (verses 1-3)

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1990)
Music: William Moore's Columbian Harmony (1825)
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Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, forgive us for trying to keep your love for ourselves. Forgive us for thinking your affection can be earned. Forgive us for being selfish and prideful. Forgive us for daring to separate saints from sinners. Forgive us for limiting the power of your resurrection. May our love, like yours, flow beyond all boundaries until the world is awash in mercy and hope. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

**By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Anthem

"Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor"

G.F. Handel

Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor, Jesus, thou my friend most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of Life, my soul inspiring. At thy feet I cry, my Maker, let me be a fit partaker of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, thy glory given.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me gladly here obey thee. By thy love I am invited, be thy love with love requited; From this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure. Through the gifts Thou here dost give me, as thy guest in heav'n receive me.

A Reading from Scripture Acts 8:26-40

26 Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) 27 So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." 30 So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 32 Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." 34 The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" 35 Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. 36 As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" 38 He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Sermon

"Boundary Waters"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters" (verses 1-3)

Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures of your womb. Number them among your people, raised like Christ from death and tomb. Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

Every day we need your nurture; by your milk may we be fed. Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread. God, renew us; guide our footsteps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways! To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise! We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born. By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Text: Ruth Duck (1987)

Music: The Sacred Harp (1844); harm. James H. Wood (1958)

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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

Holy One, all that we offer, you have poured out upon us. Use these gifts and this church to bring healing to the sick, love to the despised, and hope to the disconsolate. Make us instruments of your will we pray. Amen.

Service of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Though we stand apart, gracious God, through this meal, you have made us into one body. Help us to remember that each time we gather at this table and celebrate the resurrection, our lives are changed. Let us go forward and live out the good news! Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission" (verses 1-3)

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity: with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community: with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: "This, my body; this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward, asking that the world around us share your children's liberty: with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Text: Jeffrey W. Rowthorn (1978)

Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor (1941)

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Benediction

Benediction Response

"Go Now in Peace"

**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

"Psalm 100"

Michael Burkhardt

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WPC ANNUAL JEWELRY SALE & USED BOOK SALE

Donations for the WPC jewelry sale and used book sale are now being accepted. Please drop off in the church office during open business hours, Monday - Friday.

THE READING PEOPLE

The Reading People will meet on May 20, via Zoom, at 1:30 p.m. They will be discussing *For One More Day*, by Mitch Albom. To join the meeting and discussion, open Zoom and enter the meeting ID: 636 517 5503 and passcode: katiejeff

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:

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.



STRAWBERRY BREAKFAST MAY 8 • 11:00 a.m.



The Women of Peoples Church invite you to virtually join their annual Strawberry Breakfast on May 8 at 11:00 a.m. A dynamic presentation is scheduled with guest speaker, Dr. Clare Luz from Age Alive and musical guests, Michaela Larsen and Judy Kabodian.

Join the presentation via Zoom by clicking [here](#) or, you can enter the Meeting ID: 920 8904 8380 and Passcode: 724624 in your Zoom app.

This year's Strawberry Breakfast is dedicated in honor and memory of Patty and Eliza Brookover.

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. [Join the meeting here](#). Meeting ID: 883 8071 4830. You can also dial 1.929 205 6099 and when prompted enter 883 8071 4830.

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

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JOIN OUR TEAM



Now Hiring!

Peoples Church Preschool is looking for a Full-Time, Co-Lead, Toddler Room Teacher.

Applicants must have a degree in Early Childhood Education or equivalent. Please contact the preschool at: djohnson@thepeopleschurch.com for more information.