

# Sanctuary Service

## February 5, 2023



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823

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### Sunday Schedule

Chapel Service: 8:30 a.m.

Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Livestreamed on YouTube.

Sunday School is held after the Children's moment.

Nursery Care is provided for Children Under 3.

A Nursing Room is available for those who need it. Ask an usher or the Welcome Desk for directions.

### W@PC

Wednesdays @ Peoples Church is a weekly community dinner followed by programming. Join us at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall!

### ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome ASL interpreters for our Sunday worship service and for special events.

### Sensory Tool Kit

A Sensory Tool Kit is reserved for individuals who get overstimulated during church services and need something to help calm the nervous system. The kit can be borrowed at the Welcome desk.

## THE PEOPLES CHURCH STAFF

Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri., and Sunday mornings. Phones are monitored from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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**Dr. Jonathan Reed, Director of Music**

**Rev. Penny Swartz, Minister Emeritus**

### COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. Diane Shafer, Chair (elders@thepeopleschurch.com).

## 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.

## JOIN US REMOTELY!

To join the online livestream of the worship service, click [here!](#)

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

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# Order of Service | February 5, 2023

**Prelude**

Communion  
Judy Kabodian, organist

Louis Vierne

*Please take this opportunity to fill out the black attendance pad found at the end of your pew.*

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

**\*Call to Worship**

One: Come as you are, children of God,  
and worship your Creator.

**All: We have strayed from God's commands.  
How can we enter God's house?**

One: Come as you are, followers of Christ,  
and worship your Savior!

**All: We have not loved like Jesus commanded.  
How can we call ourselves Christian?**

One: Come as you are, beloved of God.  
By God's grace, you are made whole and holy.

**All: Thanks be to God for the gift of the Spirit!  
We come as we are to worship the Lord!**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

O Day of Rest and Gladness (v. 1-3)

no. 393

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright; on you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune, sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God triune.

On you, at earth's creation the light first had its birth; on you, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth; on you, our Lord victorious sent Spirit forth from heaven. And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.

On you, God's people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear, Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near. New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest, we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.

### ***Prayer of Confession***

**O God, you know the pain of all our broken relationships. Some we have tried to mend, and others we have tried to ignore. You have shown us the path that leads to the abundant life, but we continue to choose the road that leads to sorrow and despair. We pretend we have not sinned against you and against one another, but you see us as we are: wounded and wounding. By your mercy, forgive our sins, bind up our wounds, open our eyes and soften our hearts. We long to be held in your embrace. Amen.**

### ***Moment of Silent Reflection***

### ***Assurance of Pardon***

#### ***\*Confession Response***

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (v. 3)

no. 93

**Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.  
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.**

### ***Passing the Peace of Christ***

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

### ***Children's Message***

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

### ***Anthem***

Laudate Dominum (from *Solemn Vespers*)

W.A. Mozart

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathon Reed - Melanie Walker, soloist  
Sung in Latin with English translation

Sing praise to God, all ye nations, praise him ye people, all ye souls on earth. He hath shown his kindness toward us, his love and merciful kindness, and the truth of God lasteth forever, lasteth, lasteth for all eternity. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### ***Scripture***

Matthew 5:13-16

### ***Sermon***

"Shine On"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

*Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.*

**Refrain:** *We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God.*

*Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more. **Refrain***

*Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. **Refrain***

Come! Live in the Light  
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Music: 1988 GIA Publications, Inc.  
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***Pastoral Prayer and 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***



*To make a gift online, please scan the QR code.*

***\*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 God, you have never given up on us, even when we have turned away from you. We offer these gifts as a sign of our gratitude for your steadfast love. Bless this offering and all the ministries that we support. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **Service of Communion**

*Invitation*

*Prayer of Consecration and Blessing*

*Words of Institution*

*Sharing of Bread and Cup*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving***

**Gracious God, at this table, we have received the signs of your love and your mercy. May our lives shine with the same love and mercy. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**

Arise, Your Light Is Come! (v. 1-4)

no. 744

*Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.*

*Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.*

*Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.*

*Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.*

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, 2004

Music: Caribbean folk melody; arr. Jorge Lockward, 2001

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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***

Postscript on a Hymn Tune  
Judy Kabodian, organist

Gilbert M. Martin

## ***PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH***

**COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP:** After the service, please join us in Friendship Hall for freshly brewed coffee, sweet treats, and fellowship!

**CAMPUS MINISTRY:** Campus Ministry will meet after church today in the Campus Lounge.

**PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP:** PCYG will meet today in the Youth Den from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. for Coppertones and Youth Choir, and from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for regular PCYG.

**TAIZE SERVICE:** The next Taize service is February 26th at 6:30 p.m. Services consist of repetitive and meditative singing, prayer, scripture, and silence. It is a powerful, quiet, contemplative worship experience. This service is inter-denominational and all are welcome.

**ACHE:** Adults Connecting and Having Events is a young adult group that meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. To keep up with events, follow ache\_thepeopleschurch on Instagram.

**PUB THEOLOGY:** We meet on the second Thursday each month at Crunchy's to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world. **See you on February 9th!**

**ENGAGING THE WORD:** Led by Pastor Shawnthea, this group meets in-person on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Robertson Room and Wednesdays on Zoom from 9 to 10 a.m. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88178100531>. This week's scripture is Deuteronomy 30: 15-20.

**WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH:** A community dinner is hosted every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, followed by your choice of dance aerobics with Shawnthea Monroe, or Faith & the News bible study in the library. We hope you can join us for Wednesdays @ Peoples Church!

**TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP:** The Tuesday Morning Men's Group is starting a **new book:** *Love Wins* by Rob Bell. We continue to meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.

**MEN'S WEDNESDAY NOON DISCUSSION GROUP:** Please join us in the Robertson Room for our discussion of John Pavlovitz's book "A Bigger Table".

**CHICs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST):** CHiCs (Connected Hearts in Christ) Women's Small Group is currently reading *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. If you are interested in joining the group or have questions, contact Beth Lundy at [lundybb@comcast.net](mailto:lundybb@comcast.net) or (610)246-0029.

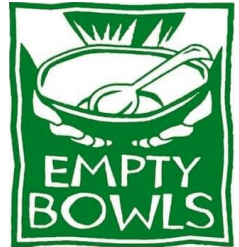
## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PEOPLES 101:** Today after 10:30 worship, the Welcome Ministry will host a Peoples 101 in the Robertson Room. This serves as an information session about the church history and ministries. All are welcome to stop by!

**CHILDREN'S OUTREACH PROJECT - VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS & COOKIES!:** For the 3rd year in a row, we are hoping to surprise members of our congregation who are elderly or homebound with deliveries of homemade cards and treats. This is a wonderful way to teach our children about acts of service and warm the hearts of many. We will create cards and drawings during Sunday School, or your children can make their own at home. We just need all art by Monday, February 13th at noon so there is time to sort and create the goody boxes. **We are also in need of treats and delivery helpers!** If you would like to assist, please email Kathi Mitchell at [kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com).

**NEW MEMBER DINNER:** If you would like to learn more about becoming a member at The Peoples Church, please contact [office@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:office@thepeopleschurch.com) to RSVP for the New Member Dinner on February 23 at 6:30 p.m.

**CHILI COOK-OFF:** Join us for the 2023 Empty Bowls Chili Cook-Off! This event will take place in the Snider Social Hall on Sunday, February 12 after the 10:30 Service. Members of the Lansing Potters Guild have generously donated some of their best hand-crafted bowls, which will be sold to benefit the hungry in the Greater Lansing Area. We'll have a friendly competition of homemade chili tasting, complete with prizes for each of three winners in two divisions: Youth and Adult (18+). We seek chili chefs, servers, event volunteers, and of course, tasters! **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP TO MAKE CHILI**, please reach out to Julie Pierce ([Juliep2315@gmail.com](mailto:Juliep2315@gmail.com) or text 517.897.0943). If you would like to volunteer, reach out to Robin Matheson ([Matheso4@msu.edu](mailto:Matheso4@msu.edu) or text 517.290.3223).



**ASH WEDNESDAY:** On February 22nd, you are invited to begin the Lenten season at our 12 p.m. Chapel Service, or our 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Service.

**SAVE-THE-DATE:** The 2023 Women's Retreat will be September 22-23 at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt.

**NOW HIRING:** The Peoples Church is looking for a Children's Education Director and Communications Specialist. For more information, please visit <https://www.thepeopleschurch.com/employment-oppourtunities> .