

Sanctuary Service

March 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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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.

MAKE A GIFT ONLINE

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Prelude

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright
Judy Kabodian, Organist
Acolytes, Madelyn Schhuetten, Gabe Eyszelinck

arr. Alec Rowley

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

Welcome

Rev. Penny Swartz

***Call to Worship**

One Our faith draws us together this day.
Let us trust enough to open our ears and our hearts.

**All We have heard of God's miracles in other times;
Our ancestors have kept the story alive for us.**

One Give ear, all people, to God's word for today.
Taste the bounty of God's blessing here and now.

**All We long for a faith that makes sense today.
We want to keep the story alive for new generations.**

One God's revelation is for all people, near and far.
God is waiting to communicate with you and me.

**All May God have mercy on us and all peoples.
Surely God's will shall be made known to us.**

***Gathering Hymn**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (v. 1-3)

no. 12

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Prayer of Confession

God of love and of grace, you know the secrets of our hearts: How blind we are to our own faults, yet harsh in judging others; how swift we are to take for gain, yet slow to give for others; how proud we are of our success, yet grudging in our praise of others. Remember, O God, your tender care and love unfailing. Do not remember our sins and offenses, but remember us in your goodness, in accordance with your endless mercy.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

***Confession Response** Restore in Us, O God (v. 1) no. 434
**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

Anthem

Trust in the Lord
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathon Reed

Jean Berger

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. Trust in the Lord.

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

Second Scripture Reading

James 2:14-17

Sermon

“Grabbed by the Short Hairs”

Rev. Penny Swartz

Hymn of Response

Spirit of the Living God

no. 288

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Spirit of the Living God
Text: Daniel Iverson (1926)
Music: *Daniel Iverson (1926)*
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Pastoral Prayer and 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



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

Loving God, may these gifts, given gratefully, be brought to life through the power of your creative Spirit. Multiply and use them to bring the word and the touch of Jesus to your people in this place and throughout the world. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration of Blessing

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, at this table, we have received the signs of your love and mercy. May our actions here enable us to see the face of Christ in all people so that our lives may shine with the same love and mercy. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

no. 546

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound; may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way, let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
Text: John Fawcett (1773)
Music: 18th C. Sicilian melody
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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

Postlude on "St. Denio"
Judy Kabodian, Organist

arr. Robert Graha

PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Campus Ministry will not be meeting this week. It is MSU Spring Break. We'll meet again on March 19th!

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: PCYG will meet today in the Youth Den from 5:15 for Music, 6:30—8:00 p.m. for youth group.

TAIZE SERVICE: The next Taize service is **March 26th at 6:30 p.m.** 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: Will meet March 9th, 6:30 p.m. at Crunchy's to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world.

ENGAGING THE WORD: *There will be NO BIBLE study this week while Dr. Monroe is on vacation.*

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 Deb O'Connell, 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 reading *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 or (610)246-0029.



COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

Join us for Coffee and Conversation in Friendship Hall following the service!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TELL A TAIL: Reba the therapy dog is waiting for your children to read their favorite book to her. Bring your own book or pick one of ours. Please visit her in the church Library, March 8 from 6-7pm.

PEOPLES CHURCH TOUR: If you'd like to take a tour of our historic building and get to know more about the history and ministry of the Peoples Church, come down to the front of the sanctuary after the service today.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS: Cheryl Leece, our Edgewood Village volunteer coordinator, is requesting our help with driving a resident to the Haslett YMCA at 8:45 a.m., and picking her up again at 10 a.m. to return to Edgewood Village. Volunteer forms and background checks would need to be done if you have not completed them already. Please email Cheryl at leececm44@gmail.com if you are able to help. THANK YOU!

WE NEED YOU! As we explore the scope of a possible Capital Campaign, we have hired an architectural firm to create preliminary designs for the Sanctuary and Social Hall. The architect wants input from the congregation regarding our vision, mission and hopes for these spaces. If you would like to be part of this process, please join us for one of our roundtable discussions: **Tuesday, March 7th** (7:00-8:30 pm) or **Sunday, March 12th** (Noon-1:30 pm). Questions? Contact Nancy Danhof at nancydanhof@gmail.com or 517-285-1666.

Easter Lily Memorial Gifts

Please return forms to the church office no later than **April 3, 2023!**

_____ **I would like to honor a loved one with an Easter Lily.** (A suggested donation of \$20 is appreciated. Please make check payable to The Peoples Church and indicate "Easter Lilies" in the memo line.)

Please accept my gift:

_____ **In Memory of**

_____ **In Honor of**

_____ **In Celebration of**

_____ **To The Glory of God**

Name:

Notes:
