

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MARCH 13, 2022



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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Sunday Schedule

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

Nursery Care is available for children under 3

Sunday School begins after the children's moment

Wednesday Night Programming

Individually prepared meals can be picked up between 5:00 & 6:00 p.m. in the Northwest entrance of the building. For more details, check [The Peoples Church Facebook page](#).

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 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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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. Bev Mason, 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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ONLINE**

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Order of Service | March 13, 2022

Prelude

Interlude on "Resignation"

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Judy Kabodian, Organist

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 (based on Luke 13:31-35)**

One Jesus weeps for us,

All Because we do not know the things that make for peace.

One The Holy Spirit blows among us,

All Prompting us to recognize the presence of God.

One The Creator waits with outstretched wings,

All Inviting us to rest in the warmth of her embrace.

So let us gather near the divine heartbeat.

Let us open our eyes to God.

Let us set our feet on the path of peace.

***Gathering Hymn**

Fairest Lord Jesus (v. 1-4)

no. 630

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down, thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring. Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host. Jesus shines brighter; Jesus is purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Fairest Lord Jesus
Text: Joseph August Seiss (1873)
Music: Silesian folk melody (1842)
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Prayer of Confession

Nurturing God, we confess to you this morning that we long for your wisdom but rarely take the time to discern it. So often we find ourselves filled with fear, afraid to trust in your strength, afraid to heed your call, afraid to loosen our grip of control and allow the movement of your spirit in our lives. Forgive us for claiming independence at the expense of connecting with you, for allowing our fear to dictate our actions, and for that fear which leaves us silent and inactive on behalf of justice. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

Hear the Good News of Salvation

no. 441

Hear the good new of salvation: Jesus died to show God's Love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above!

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Anthem

On Eagle's Wings

arr. Mark Hayes

Sanctuary Choir, Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust! **Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.** The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: Under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. **Refrain.** You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. **Refrain.** For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain.**

Scripture

Psalm 27

Sermon

"Wait! Be Strong! Take Courage!"

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

Hymn of Response

Give to the Winds Thy Fears (v. 1-2, 4)

no. 815

Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed. God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.

Through waves and clouds and storms God gently clears the way. Wait patiently; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.

Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare, and publish with our final breath thy love and guardian care.

Give to the Winds Thy Fears
Text: Paul Gerhardt (1653)
Music: William H. Walter (1872)
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Pastoral Prayer and 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

****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***

Gracious God, you call us to live in a spirit of generosity. Help us to trust that as we give this morning, we are working together to offer opportunities of transformation. Guide these gifts that they would multiply and bring the reality of your love to those who need it most, both within the walls of this church, and far beyond. Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

Blest Be The Tie That Binds (v. 1, 3, 5)

no. 306

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear. And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Text: John Fawcett (1782)
Music: Lowell Mason (1845)
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****Benediction***

****Benediction Response***

Postlude

Chorale

Leon Boëllmann

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

PEOPLES FORUM: Our speaker this coming **Sunday, March 20**, is Barb Byrum, Ingham County Clerk. Presentations are held in the Robertson Room and over Zoom from 9:30—10:15 a.m. If you would like to join online, go to zoom.us, click join meeting, **Meeting ID: 843 6791 4516, Passcode: 907964.**

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Join us on Sundays following service for Lunch and Lounge—a time of fellowship, food and rest. Campus Ministry also meets at **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights** for Bible Study! Theology on Tap is scheduled for **March 29th at 7 p.m.**—we'll meet at Crunchy's!

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday morning men's group is reading *Everyone's a Theologian: An Introduction to Systematic Theology* by R.C. Sproul. We continue to meet at **7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.**

SERMON PREVIEW GROUP: The sermon preview group will meet **Wednesday, March 16th at 9 a.m.** to review **Isaiah 55: 1-9, Psalm 63: 1-8.** Join us on zoom by clicking [here](#), or enter the meeting ID into your zoom app: 813 6414 0406.

WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP: We continue our study of *If God is Love, Don't be a Jerk* by John Pavlovitz.

CHiCs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST) WOMEN'S GROUP: We meet on **Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. both by zoom and/or in person.** For more information about CHiCs or to join the group, contact Beth Lundy at lundybb@comcast.net or 610-246-0029.



Every Wednesday in Lent, Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell invites you to walk the labyrinth in the **Snider Social Hall from 4-7 p.m.** She will have resources for you to participate and options for guided meditation. Just bring yourself, an open mind, and an adventurous spirit! We hope you will join us. For more information about Praying the Labyrinth Way, view our February *Portal*.



COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

Coffee hour will return following the conclusion of service **today in Friendship Hall!** We hope you will join us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PORTAL DEADLINE

Submissions for the April issue of the *Portal* are due Tuesday, March 15th. Please send submissions to eprice@thepeopleschurch.com.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PICTURES

Unfortunately, we are not able to use pictures from the last pictorial directory. However, you will be included in the directory even if you did not have a recent picture taken. If you do not want to be included, please contact Beth Lundy at blundy@thepeopleschurch.com, or call 517-908-4453.

VBS REGISTRATION

We are excited to announce that [registration](#) is open for VBS this **June 13-17th!** We will have an Adventure on Discovery Island at Woldumar and at the church. We are limited to 100 campers, counselors and C.I.T.'s, so if your child would like to attend, please register as soon as possible! The cost is \$95 for campers and \$40 for C.I.T.'s, with a \$10 discount if you register before May 1st. Scholarships are available. Please contact Kathi Mitchell at kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com with any questions.



Register Here



DORCAS CIRCLE PRESENTS

The Dorcas Circle presents a program entitled "Introduction to The Senior Ambassador Program" for their March gathering on **March 15th at 7 p.m. in the Robertson Room.** The **Senior Ambassadors Program** brings together Greater Lansing seniors and Michigan State University students to form mutually beneficial friendships. The goal is for senior 'hosts' and student 'ambassadors' to feel the warmth of human connection, to exchange wisdom and experience, and to learn from one another within the community. All Circles are welcome to attend and anyone who might be interested in learning more.

JEWELRY SALE REMINDER

The Used book and Jewelry sale is slated for late May. As a reminder, jewelry donations are accepted year round and can be dropped off in the Main Church Office. Used book donations can be dropped off now, **but are not accepted year round!**

WPC SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS

Women of Peoples Church has open positions! For more information about the mission of WPC, what positions are open, or to contact WPC, view our website:

thepeopleschurch.com/women-of-peoples-church

Sermon Notes