

Sanctuary Service, March 17, 2024



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SERVICE INFORMATION

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

Sunday School will take place after the Children's Moment.

Professional 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.

Please join us after the service in our front lobby for coffee hour and fellowship!

LISTENING DEVICES

We now offer listening devices that amplify sound from stage microphones, which are available upon request.

ASL INTERPRETED SERVICE

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome American Sign Language interpreters for our Sunday worship services

SENSORY TOOL KIT

A Sensory Tool Kit is reserved for individuals who get over-stimulated 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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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. John Lindley, 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, you can find **The Peoples Church of East Lansing on YouTube!**

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

Prelude

Jesus, Priceless Treasure
My Lord, What a Morning
Meditation
Coppertone Ringers
Directed by Elizabeth Reed

arr. F. Callahan
arr. M.L. Thompson
William Melton

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship**

Jess Livingston

One The days are surely coming, says our God;
There will be a new covenant written on our hearts.

**All We trust in God's steadfast love and mercy;
We seek a stronger relationship with God.**

One God's law will be written on our hearts.
Our brokenness can be healed and our wholeness restored.

**All May God put a new and right spirit in our hearts.
The good news is here! Let us rejoice and praise the Lord!**

***Gathering Hymn**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (v. 1-3)

no. 475

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Text: Robert Robinson (1758)
Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second (1813)
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Prayer of Confession

O God of forgiveness, we pray for new life even as we confess our old ways to you. We hear your promise of new life, but we are full of doubt. You proclaim hope, but we seek guarantees. Jesus calls us to obedience, but we set conditions and look for exceptions. When you call us to follow, we want to know specifics rather than trust in you. Forgive our sins and all the ways we have chosen not to walk with Jesus. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

**Confession Response* Lord Jesus, Think on Me (v. 1) no. 417
Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin. From earth-born passions set me free, and make me pure within.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Choir Anthem

Peace Drum Song Will Schmid
Accompanied by Elisha Smith, guitar and members of the Carol Choir percussion
Directed by Elizabeth Reed

Peace, bring us peace, Peace, bring peace. Feel the heartbeat, peace, Hope to all, bring peace.
Peace, understanding, Peace, bring peace, blessed peace.

Sacrament of Baptism

Hazel Jane Scollon-Moore
Parents of Hazel: William Scollon and Daniel Moore

Pastor (To the Congregation):

Do we, the members of the church of Jesus Christ present here at the Peoples Church, promise to be Hazel's family of faith, now and always, offering whatever she might need to better serve and follow our Lord and Savior? And do we promise to encourage her to walk humbly with her Lord all the days of her life?

Congregation: By God's grace, we do.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, we now celebrate the gift of grace in the Sacrament of Baptism.

Congregation: There is one body and one spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us. There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God, creator of us all.

Baptism Response

We thank you God for Hazel! Bless her and keep her, now and forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem

I sing as I Arise Today “Saint Patrick’s Breast Plate” arr. Joseph W. Clokey
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

I sing as I arise today; I call upon the Trinity; I now invoke the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One in Three, in whom creation now is joined, the vaulted sky, the sun so bright, the shining stars, the sea so deep, the rushing wind, the snow so white. Christ within me, Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ to guide me, Christ in rising, Christ in sleeping, Christ in working, Christ in speaking. I sing as I arise today; I call upon the Father’s might, the will of God to be my guide, the eye of God to be my sight, the Word of God to be my speech, the hand of God to be my stay, the shield of God to be my strength, the path of God to be my way. Christ in heart of all who love me, Christ in mouth of neighbors near me, Christ in eye of all who see me, Christ in ear of all who hear me. I sing as I arise today; I call upon the Trinity; I now invoke the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One in Three. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 51:1-12

Jess Livingston

Second Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sermon

“Written on our Hearts”

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

Be Thou My Vision (v. 1-4)

no. 450

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O power of my
power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach Heaven’s joys, O bright Heaven’s sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Text: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
Music: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927
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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***

Loving God, we have experienced your presence in our lives and we rejoice. Accept these gifts as a token of our gratitude and may our hearts, hands and voices be renewed by your Spirit. Use all our gifts in ways that will benefit others as an expression of your love. Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

The Lord is God (v. 1-4)

no. 63

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might, O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.

At night or day, at home, away, together and apart, O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

The Lord is God
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Music: Carl Gotthelf Glaser (1828); arr. Lowell Mason (1839)
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****Benediction***

****Benediction Response***

Postlude

Postlude on “Beach Spring”
Judy Kabodian, Organist

arr. Wilbur Held

EASTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to make a lily dedication for Easter, please sign up for a lily order at the Welcome Desk, or email your order to office@thepeopleschurch.com by **THIS WEDNESDAY March 20**. Please include your name, and who your gift is in memory, celebration, or honor of. Lily orders are \$20. Checks should be made payable to The Peoples Church with ‘Easter Lilies’ indicated in the memo line. Lilies will be displayed during worship on **Easter** and can be picked up following the **10:30 a.m.** Easter service.

EASTER SERVICE TIMES: There will be two Easter service times on **March 31, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** Both will be held in the Sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT LENT CLASSES: Join Rev. Dr. Monroe for a six-week course designed to reignite your love of scripture. The class will use Adam Hamilton's book *Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today* as its text, and will meet on **Sunday mornings, 9:20 – 10:20 a.m.** during Lent. Hamilton's book can be purchased on Amazon, at Schuler's, or at a bookseller near you. Rev. Hansen will also be leading labyrinth walks, meditations, and readings **on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.** in Snyder Social Hall during the season of Lent.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: Monday Bible Study meets at **11 a.m. in the Robertson Room**. We are using N.T. Wright's Study Guide to "Matthew." Contact Pastor Shawnthea Monroe for further details.

NEW ART EXHIBIT: The Peoples Church Fine Arts Committee has installed its latest exhibit, "A Timeless Palette: Moments Of Transient Emotion" by Nancy Kremsreiter. Feel free to walk around and view the new art show!

THE READING PEOPLE: The Reading People will meet **this Thursday, March 21st at 1:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room**. All are invited to join at 1 p.m. for a pre-meeting fellowship with sack lunches. March is Women's history month so we ask members to read of a woman that they find interesting and share her story to the group. Contact Mary Anne Larzelere at malarz@aol.com for more information.

THE KNITTING PEOPLE: The Knitting People will meet on **Thursday, March 28 in the Robertson Room from 1-3 p.m.** to bless completed items, work on current projects, to share patterns, knitting and crocheting hints, and to enjoy a time of fellowship. New knitters and crocheters are invited to join us as we create baptismal blankets, prayer shawls, hats, mittens and slippers. For more information, contact Mary Anne Larzelere at malarz@aol.com.

TPC TALK 'N TOUR: The TPC Talk 'n Tour (TNT) will take place **Sunday, April 3 after the 10:30 a.m. service**. Please meet in the Sanctuary to learn more about this beautiful church. The tour will take about 45 minutes.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH: Ladies Lunch Bunch will be meeting again at **noon on Wednesday, March 27** at Coral Gables restaurant in East Lansing. The restaurant will need a close headcount to secure a reservation, so please call (517) 349-1074 to let the lunch organizers know you would like to attend.

CARDBOARD PROPHETS MARCH DONATIONS: In 2024, The Peoples Church will be collecting a specific item each month to donate to Cardboard prophets, a Lansing-based group that provides help to the homeless. We are not asking for new items, but items that are donated must be laundered and in good repair. If you have gently used and clean items, please place them in the blue plastic storage bin located near the church office on the east side of the sanctuary. **In March**, we are collecting duffle bags, backpacks and suitcases.

PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

ACHE: Adults Connecting & Having Events is a group for young adults that meets twice a month for events and outings. For more information about ACHE, email Pastor Haley at hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com, and follow “ACHE The Peoples Church” on Facebook and “ache_thepeopleschurch” on Instagram.

CHICs: ‘Connected Hearts In Christ’ (CHICs) is back! CHICs will meet in the Robertson Room on the **second Thursday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** CHICs is a women’s group that meets for devotionals, discussion, and fellowship. To learn more about CHICs, please email Traci Dudley at tracidudley@gmail.com, or Susan Godfrey at s.godfrey@sbcglobal.net.

COLLEGE MINISTRY: Campus/College Ministry is specifically for college age folks to meet and connect for fellowship and special events. Campus Ministry usually meets twice a month for events and outings. For more information, contact Pastor Haley by emailing hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com., and follow Peoples Church Campus Ministry on Facebook and Instagram.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Pastor Shawnthea leads a **Wednesday Zoom session from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.** The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81926804577>. This week’s passage is Mark 11:1-11.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: Today, PCYG will have Coppertones rehearsal **9:30-9:45 a.m.**, Choir rehearsal on third floor **10:10-10:30 a.m.**, Coppertones and Youth Choir for service **10:30-11:30 a.m.**, PCYG lunch **12-1:30 p.m.** and Coppertones and Youth Choir rehearsal **1:30-2:15 p.m.**

PORCH OF HEAVEN: Porch of Heaven is a Lectio Divina service that takes place **Mondays at 6:15 p.m. in the Fischbach Library.** It involves reading scripture, silence, mindfulness and sharing. Visit Porch of Heaven tomorrow evening, or email Tom Schaberg at tschaberg1@gmail.com for more information.

PUB THEOLOGY: Pub Theology is a once a month gathering at Crunchy’s to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world. The next Pub Theology gathering will be **Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m.**

TAIZE SERVICE: Our March Taize service is **March 24 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chapel. Taize services take place on **the fourth Sunday of every month**, and consist of repetitive and meditative singing, prayer, scripture, and silence. It is a powerful, quiet, contemplative worship experience. All are welcome.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN’S GROUP: The Tuesday Men’s Group will discuss the book, “Short Stories by Jesus—The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi” by Amy Jill-Levine, **Tuesday in the Robertson Room at 7:30 a.m.**

WEDNESDAY MEN’S GROUP: Join the men’s Wednesday discussion group that meets **every Wednesday at noon in The Robertson Room** for good conversation and donuts. The group is currently reading ‘The Christian Agnostic’ by Leslie D. Weatherhead.

WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH: Join us **every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** in Snider Social Hall for a community dinner! Dance aerobics will be held in the gym at **6 p.m.** and Pastor Haley will be hosting her Bible study at **6:30 p.m.** this week.
