

# Sanctuary Service

## March 26, 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.

No Sunday School this morning.

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

[CLICK HERE!](#)



# Order of Service | March 26, 2023

## **Prelude**

Variations on *Aberystwyth*  
Judy Kabodian, Organist

arr. Janet Linker

*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**

Emily Anderson

One God calls us from the valley of dry bones.  
Listen for a word of life from the Lord.

**All We have wasted our time and attention.  
We have squandered our gifts and blessings.**

One The spirit breathes life into our dry bones.  
God offers hope even when we have lost our way.

**All Our souls long for the refreshment that God offers.  
Our hearts yearn to be filled with God's love.**

One We are the body of Christ in this place and time.  
May the Spirit move through the church.

**All God calls us from the valley of dry bones!  
We will respond to God and worship the Lord!**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (v. 1-3)

no. 366

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*



## **Hymn of Response**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

no. 286

*Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.*

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Text: Edwin Hatch (1878)

Music: Robert Jackson (1888)

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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**



*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**

**We dedicate these gifts to the work of your Spirit, O God. May the ministry of this church make a difference in the world, and may we be refreshed through serving in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” (v. 1-4)

no. 804

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

*With voice as full and strong as ocean’s surging praise, send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

*Yes, on through life’s long path, still chanting as ye go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

*At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!  
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**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

**Postlude**

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy  
Judy Kabodian, Organist

arr. Johann Pachelbel

**Floral Dedication**

*S hawnthea Monroe and Neil Mueller  
In celebration of 35 years of marriage.*



**PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH**

**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 us on Instagram: [ache\\_thepeopleschurch](#). Join us 4/6 at Ozone’s for dinner and card games, and **Friday, 4/21** for a potluck and game night to welcome Haley Hansen!

**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.

## ***PROGRAMMING (cont.)***

**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 Matthew 21:1-11.

**MEN'S WEDNESDAY NOON DISCUSSION GROUP:** Please join us in the Robertson Room for our discussion of "The Sin of Certainty" by Peter Enns.

**PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP:** No PCYG gathering tonight. Coppertones/Youth Choir 4:15-6:30 p.m. *and* PCYG gathering 6:30-8:00 p.m. Sunday, April 2. Come to the PCYG annual cake auction on April 16 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to support our mission trip to Chicago this fall! This will be silent auction style! Stop by before or after service! **CAKES NEEDED!** Please email [esmith@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:esmith@thepeopleschurch.com) if you'd like to bake a cake!

**PUB THEOLOGY:** We meet on the second Thursday each month, 6:30 p.m. at Crunchy's to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world. Join us April 13th!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** There will not be Sunday School April 2 and April 9.

**TAIZE SERVICE:** The next Taize service is **tonight 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.

**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.

**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!

**VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY:** Voices of the Community will meet on Sunday, April 2 at 9:30 a.m. in The Robertson Room. The presenter will be Dr. Mitch Rinek, a retired dermatologist and member of The Peoples Church. His topic will be: 'Oh, my; What is that Spot on my Skin?' Identification and Treatment of Skin Lesions.



### **COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP**

Join us for Coffee and Conversation in **Friendship Hall** following the service!  
We hope you will join us!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ARCHIVES COMMITTEE:** Are you interested in the preservation of church documents? Do you love to organize and label items? Do you have any education or experience in historic preservation? Peoples Church is forming a brand new Archives Committee and could really use your help. Once we get some volunteers we will have a first meeting and tour the church to see where all of the documents are being stored. Then we will establish some guidelines on what should be saved and how we should save it. This is a great opportunity to get to know others at The Peoples Church and to get involved in an important project. If you are interested in serving in this way, please email Diane Shafer at dmshafer2001@gmail.com.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

It's time to register for VBS! This year our Vacation Bible School will be at the church, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., June 19-23. We are planning a super fun week with half day VBS, half day summer camp. Our campers will enjoy a trip to the zoo, a visit from the naturalist, a Grand Finale production, and more! As always, we can't do VBS without your help! We need adult volunteers to be field trip chaperones and station leaders (science, crafts, mission, games) and teenagers to be crew leaders. Please contact Kathi Mitchell by emailing kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com for more information. Scan the QR code to register your children.



### 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**

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