

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## MARCH 27, 2022



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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

No Sunday School Today! Enjoy  
Spring Break!

### 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.

**MAKE A GIFT  
ONLINE**

**[CLICK HERE!](#)**

# Order of Service | March 27, 2022

## **Prelude**

Praeludium II

Felix Mendelssohn

Clarion Ringers, Directed by Elizabeth Reed

*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 God offers us peace that the world cannot imagine.  
Return to the Lord, the one who loves you.

**All Happy are those whose sin is forgiven,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

One God heals the hidden wounds.  
God forgives the buried sins.

**All Have mercy on us, O God, and wash away our sins.  
Restore our hearts and our hope.**

One In God's house, all God's children are welcome.  
Enter this space and be at peace.

**All With glad hearts, we gather to sing and rejoice.  
Let us praise the Lord and be at peace!**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (v. 1-2, 4-5)

no. 610

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of God's grace!*

*The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears,  
brings life, and health, and peace.*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.*

*To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the  
church in earth and heaven.*

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing  
Text: Charles Wesley (1739)  
Music: Carl Gottlieb Glaser (1828)  
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## **Prayer of Confession**

O God, our rock and our redeemer, hear our confession. We have bowed down to idols of our own making. When temptation overtakes us, we submit to its charms. It is easier to grumble about hardships than it is to praise you for the mercies we have received day after day. We have tested you in every way, and yet you are with us. Your mercy endures forever. Forgive us when we take advantage of your loving nature and restore us to true communion with you. Amen.

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

## ***Assurance of Pardon***

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

Hear the Good News of Salvation

no. 441

**Hear the good news 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***

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

Sanctuary Choir, Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

*O Love, O Love, O Love, that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths it's flow may richer, fuller be. O Joy, O Joy, O Joy, that seeks me through the pain, O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be. O Love, that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, I give thee back the life I owe and in thy ocean depths it's flow shall richer, fuller be. O Love, that will not let me go.*

### ***Scripture***

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

### ***Sermon***

"Keep Your Eyes on Your Own Paper" Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

### ***Hymn of Response***

There is Now a New Creation (v. 1-3, 5)

no. 774

*There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ, peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life!*

*Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone: now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.*

*Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child. All is finished and forgiven; let us now be reconciled.*

*There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ. Sing, with thanks and adoration, to the God of endless life!*

There Is Now a New Creation  
Text: David Gambrell (2009)  
Music: Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra* (1715)  
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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

Holy God, we are delighted to have more than enough to share. There are many people who are struggling and with your help, we dedicate ourselves to caring for them. May our words and our actions reflect the mercy and comfort we have found in you. Bless this offering in Jesus' name. Amen.

### \*Sending Hymn

Christ Be Beside Me (v. 1-3)

no. 702

*Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.*

*Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.*

*Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me. Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be.*

Christ Be Beside Me  
Text: James Quinn, SJ (1969)  
Music: Gaelic melody (1985)  
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### \*Benediction

### \*Benediction Response

## Postlude

Epilogue

Norman Gilbert



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



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 the *February Portal*.

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## WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

**PEOPLES FORUM:** Our speaker **April 3** is Beth Lundy, TPC Membership Coordinator. 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](https://zoom.us), click join meeting, **Meeting ID: 843 6791 4516**, **Passcode: 907964**.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** There is no Sunday School, today **March 27th!**

**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!

**PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP (PCYG):** There is no PCYG or confirmation **today, March 27th!** Enjoy your Spring Break!

**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 30th at 9 a.m.** to review **Philippians 3:4b-14 and Psalm 126**. 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 meet in the Robertson Room as 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](mailto:lundybb@comcast.net) or 610-246-0029.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Boy Scouts will be holding a pancake breakfast after **worship on Sunday, April 10th**. More details to come!



### PEOPLES 101

Would you like to know more about The Peoples Church or have questions you'd like to ask? Stop by Peoples 101 in the **Robertson Room after worship** and meet with a Pastor and Welcome Ministry members for a 30 minute informal discussion on any of these dates:

**April 3rd, May 1st, June 5th**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** is tomorrow, March 28th at 7 p.m. We'll meet at Crunchy's.  
All are welcome!

### FOGLIO LECTURE SERIES

The MSU Foglio Speaker Series includes opportunities to explore the connection between spirituality, social justice and diversity, equity and inclusivity. Events will be held **Monday, March 28 through Friday, April 1**. To view the schedule of events, [click here](#).

- ◇ **Monday, March 28th at 6:30 p.m:** Roundtable Discussion on Spirituality, Appropriation, and Antiracism with Dr. Simran Jeet Singh (Zoom Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/simranroundtable>)
- ◇ **Wednesday, March 30th at 4:30 p.m:** Inaugural Lecture on Spirituality and Social Justice by Dr. Anthea Butler (Zoom Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/butlerlecture>)

### Easter Lily Memorial Gifts

Please return forms to the church office no later than **April 11th, 2021!**

\_\_\_\_\_ **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 Celebration of**

\_\_\_\_\_ **In Honor of**

\_\_\_\_\_ **To The Glory of God**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Memorial:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **We Are Hiring!**

The Peoples Church is hiring for the role of Communications Specialist. This position is full-time at 30 hours a week and is eligible for insurance and other benefits.

### **Main Job Responsibilities**

- \* Creating and editing the weekly bulletin and monthly *Portal* newsletter
- \* Updating The Peoples Church Website
- \* Maintaining regular communication with congregation members through Facebook posts and E-News

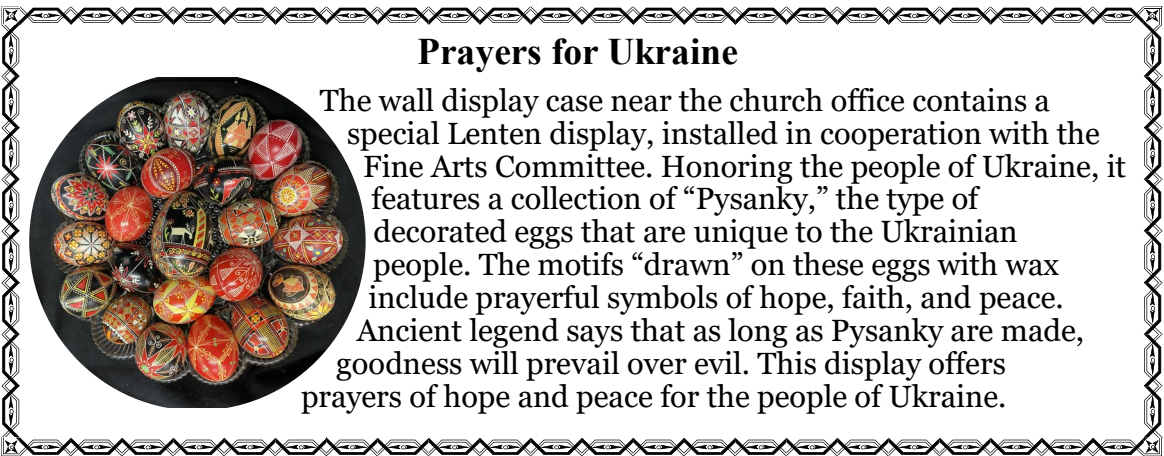
### **Skills**

- \* Microsoft Office Suite, particularly Word and Publisher (required)
- \* Adobe (recommended)



## **Easter Food Basket Collection**

We have been able to help 60 families with our Thanksgiving and Christmas food credits! With your continued support, we hope to offer this food credit to another 60 families for Easter. This food credit allows families to determine what foods best fit their needs and only restricts alcohol, tobacco, and cleaning products. We greatly appreciate your help in supporting our community!



## **Prayers for Ukraine**



The wall display case near the church office contains a special Lenten display, installed in cooperation with the Fine Arts Committee. Honoring the people of Ukraine, it features a collection of “Pysanky,” the type of decorated eggs that are unique to the Ukrainian people. The motifs “drawn” on these eggs with wax include prayerful symbols of hope, faith, and peace. Ancient legend says that as long as Pysanky are made, goodness will prevail over evil. This display offers prayers of hope and peace for the people of Ukraine.