

Sanctuary Service, April 14, 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

“Processional”
Judy Kabodian, Organist

William Mathias

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship**

Rick Shafer

One Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God’s name;
Make known God’s deeds among the people!

**All Sing to the Lord! Sing songs of praise!
Tell of all God’s wonderful works.**

One Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
For God’s grace and mercy endure forever.

**All We will shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!
Let all creation praise the Lord!**

***Gathering Hymn** *“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”* (v. 1-2, 4-5) no. 41

*O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God’s power and God’s love:
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*

*O tell of God’s might; O sing of God’s grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
Whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form; and bright is God’s path on the wings
of the storm.*

*Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.*

Prayer of Confession

God of new life, we confess that we call ourselves Christian, but we do not live out that identity. We have experienced the joy and celebration of Easter, but we quickly set aside that sort of faith and turn to our own devices. We are more likely to scroll through social media than to spend time in prayer. We are influenced by divisive people, yet you call us to live in unity. We hold on tightly to our resources, yet you have treated us with mercy and generosity. Forgive us, O God. Move us in a new direction so we might be more like Jesus. We pray in our Savior's name. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

"Thine Is The Glory"

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;

Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Choir Anthem

"This Little Light of Mine"

arr. Donald Moore

Youth Choir directed by Elizabeth Reed

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Monday, He gave the gift of love, Tuesday, peace came from above. Wednesday, 'told me to have more faith, Thursday, gave me a little more grace, Friday, 'told me to watch and pray, Saturday, 'told me just what to say, Sunday, 'gave me pow'r divine, Just let my little light shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Glory, glory hallelujah, Glory, glory hallelujah, let it shine now, Glory, glory hallelujah, let it shine, let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. This little ol' light of mine!

Children's Moment



The size of your heart is the size of your life. For out of your heart comes the kind of your life. The way you reach out to the world all around is first in your heart to be found. So if in your heart there is plenty of room, for love and compassion to come into bloom; their fragrance flows out through all that you do, healing the hurt and making new. The ones who this know have helped all of us grow, as those who spread light to God's great delight, dispelling the dark and then freeing the heart 'till each one becomes God's daughter, son. The size of your heart is the size of your life, for out of your heart comes the kind of your life. The way you reach out to the world all around is first in your heart to be found.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 133

Rick Shafer

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 4:32-35

Sermon

"An Uncommon Community"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

"We All Are One in Mission" (v. 1-3)

no. 733

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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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, with hope in the future, we dedicate these gifts to your reconciling work. Bless these gifts and the ministry that this money supports. And may this church truly be a place of welcome and healing for all your children. 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.

Before our Maker’s throne we pour our ardent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

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.

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***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Postlude

“Trumpet Toccata”
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Gilbert M. Martin



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PCYG CAKE AUCTION: PCYG's annual cake auction is TODAY! We will have a cupcake walk (bring your dollar bills!), a silent auction, and a live auction of just a few items. The cake auction will begin **today, right after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Robertson Room, and will wrap up at 12:15 p.m.**

THE READING PEOPLE: The Reading People will meet **in the Robertson Room, April 18, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.** to discuss *A Rip in Heaven*, by Jeanine Cummins, with our discussion led by Margie Steinkamp. We welcome you to come at 1 p.m. with your sack lunch for a time of conversation and fellowship before our discussion. All are welcome!

KID PROM: Dress your best and join us for our first ever Kid Prom on **April 20 from 6-7:30 in the Snider Social Hall**. We will have dancing, refreshments, and lots of fun! Registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/KidProm2024TPC>. If you'd like to volunteer to help with the event, contact Alexa at ahayes-murray@thepeopleschurch.com.

VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY: On **April 21 in the Robertson Room**, Erik Petrovskis from Meijer Corporation will share with us what Meijer is doing to sustain the environment. He will be presenting "Enriching Lives in the Communities We Serve—Sustainability at Meijer."

SOUPER SUNDAY: Mark your calendars for SOUPER-Sunday. Plan to stay after church on **April 21** for soup, salad, bread and dessert. Come one, come all and enjoy good food, some great photos and other artifacts from the Church archives. Most of all come to enjoy the wonderful fellowship. Suggested cost is \$5 per person. NO reservations required. See you there!

PCYG PROJECT: PCYG is searching for artsy or colorful magazines or decorative wrapping paper for a fun project happening on **April 21st!** If you have any magazines (teen appropriate please!) that would work, drop them in the front office for Elisha Smith.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH: Ladies Lunch Bunch will be meeting at **noon on April 24**, 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 RSVP.

NEW MEMBER INTEREST CLASS: If you are interested in learning more about The Peoples Church and the membership process, please attend our New Member Interest Class on **May 5th following the 10:30 a.m. service in the Centennial Room** (in the basement just inside the Snider Social Hall). The class lasts about an hour. Childcare provided upon request. Please let Beth Lundy, blundy@thepeopleschurch.com, know if you are interested and/or have any questions.

BOOKS, JEWELRY & MORE SALE: Our big "Used Books, Jewelry & More Sale!" is just a month away and scheduled for **May 18-19th in Snider Social Hall and the Gym**. We are still accepting donations and need a few more volunteers to help work the sale. If you love thrifting or enjoy picking, you'll love browsing our sale while also helping others shop! Shifts can be 2-4 hours long or you can stay all day! Please email Jessica Eysselinck with your day/time requests at jess@eysselinck.com.

CARDBOARD PROPHETS APRIL 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 April**, we are collecting men's and women's shorts, shirts and belts.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS: The Community Engagement Ministry has chosen to provide a \$300 scholarship to any child or youth in our congregation who would like to attend summer camp administered by one of our 4 denominations. Those interested should register themselves. The scholarship will be reimbursed, or we can send a check if there is time. They are provided on a first come-first serve basis. To receive an application, contact Kim Gools at kgools@yahoo.com.

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. The Campus Ministry will be going on a **field trip today to Horrocks after the Cake Auction.**

ENGAGING THE WORD: Pastor Shawnthea leads the in-person book study group on **Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Robertson Room**, and the Wednesday Bible study over Zoom from 9 to 10 a.m. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81926804577>. This week’s passage is John 10:11-18.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: Today, PCYG will be setting up the Cake Auction and Cake drop-off from **9:30-10:15 a.m.**, Youth Choir Rehearsal will be from **10:10-10:30 a.m.**, Youth Choir will be in service from **10:30-11:45 a.m.** and then they will have the Cake Auction from **11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

PORCH OF HEAVEN: Porch of Heaven is a Lectio Divina service that takes place **Mondays at 6:15 p.m. on the Sanctuary Balcony.** Lectio Divina is a long-practiced method of reading scripture that can inspire new insights into biblical texts. It involves silence, mindfulness, and sharing. If you are curious about this new worship opportunity, try visiting Porch of Heaven, or contact Tom Schaberg by emailing taschaberg1@gmail.com for more information.

PUB THEOLOGY: Pub Theology is a once a month gathering at HopCat to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world. The next Pub Theology gathering will be **Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m.**

TAIZE SERVICE: Our next Taize service is **April 28 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.