

Sanctuary Service

April 23, 2023



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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Sunday Schedule

Chapel Service: 8:30 a.m.

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

Sunday School is available after the children's message.

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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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.

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Prelude

Call to the Faithful

Rex Koury

Judy Kabodian, Organist

Acolytes: Malcolm & Miles Calabrese

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**

Margie Steinkamp

One God has called us together for this time of worship.
God is listening to our words and to our thoughts.

All Incline your ear, O Lord, and hear us.

Respond to your children with mercy and love.

One We will open our hearts to the One who gives us life.
We will ground our lives in the hope God provides.

All Let us sing to God our songs of praise!

Let us worship the Lord with joy and thanksgiving!

***Gathering Hymn**

Crown Him with Many Crowns (v. 1, 2, & 4)

no. 268

*Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heavenly anthem
drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him
as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in
beauty glorified: no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning
eye at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time; creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably
sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.*

Prayer of Confession

God of wonder, we confess that we do not look for Jesus in the everyday moments of life. We expect the Spirit to move in life-changing ways, but not in familiar people or places. We busy ourselves with work and play, forgetting to set time aside to be with you. We limit our faith to what we understand and do not make room for mystery and majesty. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive our limited vision and timid faith. Forgive our sins and fill us with your Spirit. We pray all this in Jesus' 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!**

Children's Message

Anthem

In God We Trust

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-55

Sermon

"Have You Seen the Lord?"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (v. 1, 2, & 4)

no. 729

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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

Sine Nomine

arr. Douglas Wagner

Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed



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

Margie Steinkamp

**Holy God, may this offering support and encourage our ministry
of healing and reconciliation. We dedicate ourselves and
these gifts to your work in the world. Amen.**

****Sending Hymn***

Christ is Alive (v. 1, 2, 4, & 5)

no. 246

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes
with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.*

*Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life,
the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean
ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

Christ is Alive!

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**Benediction*

Postlude

Jesus is King
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Dick Torrans



COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

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

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](https://www.instagram.com/ache_thepeopleschurch).

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 or (610)246-0029.

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Join us **today** in the campus lounge for a welcome lunch for Rev. Hansen where we will introduce ourselves. We will also hand out exam treats!

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 Psalm 23.

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: PCYG has gatherings today at **3 p.m.— 5 p.m.** for D&D Club, **5:15 p.m.— 6:30 p.m.** for Coppertones & Youth Choir rehearsal, and **6:30 p.m.— 8 p.m.** for cooking class with Vince. **Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m.— 12 p.m.,** PCYG is participating in Global Youth Service Day with Allen Neighborhood Center. **Sunday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.— 9 a.m.** is the PCYG Lock-In.

PROGRAMMING (cont.)

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 **May 11th!**

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.

THE KNITTING PEOPLE: Welcome knitters and crocheters! Our next meeting is **April 27th, 1-3 p.m. in the Robertson Room.** Please bring completed blankets, hats, mittens, slippers, and other items for blessing and sharing. New knitters? We have needles and yarn to help you get started! We enjoy a time of fellowship and sharing our projects with one another and the wider community.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There will be no Sunday School **Sunday, April 30.**

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday Morning Men's Group is currently reading 'Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents' by Isabel Wilkerson. We continue to meet at **7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC SUNDAY: **Sunday, April 30** during the **10:30 a.m. service,** The Peoples Church is hosting another music service, in which the Sanctuary Choir will perform Franz Joseph Haydn's 'Lord Nelson Mass' with a full orchestra.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH: Ladies Lunch Bunch is having lunch at Coral Gables on **Wednesday, April 26 at 12 p.m.** for friendship and fun. We have to send a headcount ahead of time so they can set our table, so please contact Joan Wright by calling (517) 349-1074 if you wish to attend.

ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE AND JEWELRY SALE: The annual used book sale and jewelry sale is coming up **Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Book donations will be accepted until Monday, May 15, and jewelry donations are accepted year-round. More volunteers are needed for the jewelry sale; please email jessica@eysselinck.com if interested.

SUMMER WORSHIP: Our summer worship services begin **Sunday, May 28.** Through the summer there will only be one service at **9:30 a.m.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

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 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 call (989) 318-3293, or email vbs@thepeopleschurch.com for more information. Scan the QR code to register your children. Cost is \$75 with \$10 off registrations submitted before Thursday, May 25.

PARKING: Due to a few recent questions and incidences involving parking at The Peoples Church, we want to, first, remind everyone that Lot 8 (Albert Avenue Lot) directly north of Peoples Church is a permit ONLY parking lot. If you park there without a permit, you will get a ticket. Second, we encourage able-bodied members & regular attendees to consider other parking options besides our main parking lot, especially on visitor-heavy Sundays such as holidays, or the upcoming Music Sunday on **April 30**. We want to leave spaces open in our main lot for our older members and visitors as often as possible. Thank you!

