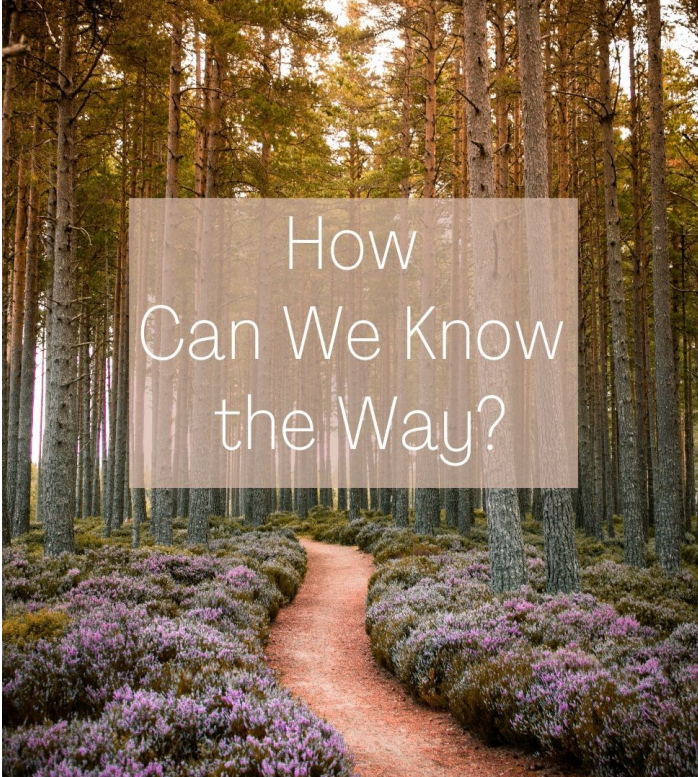


Sanctuary Service

May 7, 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.

Sunday School 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

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

arr. Paul Manz

Judy Kabodian, Organist

Acolytes: Izaak

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 Come as you are, children of God,
and worship our Creator.

All We have strayed from God's commands.

How can we enter God's house?

One Come as you are, followers of Christ,
and worship our Savior!

All We have not loved like Jesus commanded.

How can we call ourselves Christian?

One Come as you are, beloved of God.
By God's grace, you are made whole and holy.

All Thanks be to God for the gift of the Spirit!

We come as we are to worship the Lord!

***Gathering Hymn**

Come, Thou Almighty King (v. 1-4)

no. 2

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

Come, Thou Almighty King

Text: Collection of Hymns for Social Worship (1757)

Music: Felice de Giardini (1769)

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Prayer of Confession

O God, we have tried to love like Jesus loves, but we have not succeeded. We have tried to live our lives according to the Gospel, but the ways of the world are so tempting. You have shown us the path that leads to the abundant life, but we continue to choose the road that leads to disappointment and despair. We pretend we have not sinned against you and against one another, but you see us as we are: wounded and wounding. By your mercy, forgive our sins, bind up our wounds, open our eyes and soften our hearts. We long to be held in your embrace. 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 Bright Mansions Above
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

arr. Roland M. Carter

Lord, I want to live up yonder, in bright mansions above. In bright mansions above, in bright mansions above, Lord, I want to live up yonder, in bright mansions above. My mother's gone to glory. I want to go there too, up yonder in mansions above. In bright mansions above, in bright mansions above, Lord, I want, yes, I want to live up yonder, in bright mansions above. In my Father's house there are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you.

Scripture Reading

John 14:1-6

Sermon

"How Can We Know the Way?"

Rev. Haley Hansen

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky: we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Savior, received this gift divine; and still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine. It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through, amid the rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to you.

O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold to bear before the nations your true light, as of old; O teach your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace, till, clouds and storms thus ended, we see you face to face.

O Word of God Incarnate

Text: William Walsham How (1867)

Music: Neuvermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch (1693); adapt. Felix Mendelssohn (1847)

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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

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

Holy God, you have never given up on us, even when we have turned away from you. We offer these gifts as a sign of our gratitude for your steadfast love. Bless this offering and all the ministry that we support. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Though we stand apart, gracious God, through this meal, you have made us into one body. Help us to remember that each time we gather at this table and celebrate the resurrection, our lives are changed. Let us go forward and live out the good news! Amen.

****Sending Hymn*** For the Bread Which You Have Broken (v. 1-4) no. 516

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore you seated at the heavenly board, may the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you send us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.

For the Bread Which You Have Broken
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Music: V. Earle Copes (1959)
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****Benediction***

****Benediction Response***

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Judy Kabodian, Organist

arr. Paul Manz



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](#).

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.

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 1 Peter 3:13-16.

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 Coppertones/Youth Choir rehearsals **5:15-6:30 p.m.**, and regular Sunday evening gathering **6:30-8 p.m.** The PCYG Lock-In is coming up on **Saturday, May 20** from **7 p.m. to 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 21.**

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!**

Tell-A-TAIL: Tell-a-Tail is back **Wednesday, May 9 from 6— 7 p.m. in the library.** At these events, children are able to spend time reading aloud to a therapy dog named Reba. Reading aloud to dogs has been shown to increase literacy! This is the last Tell-a-Tail event of the season, so you won't want to miss it!

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

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.**

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.

