

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

## MAY 8th, 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 & Livestreamed on YouTube

Sunday School is available after the Children's Moment

Nursery Care is available for Children Under 3

### 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.

### Sensory Tool Kit

A Sensory Tool kit is reserved for those 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. 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 | May 8th, 2022

## **Prelude**

Prelude on Two Folk Hymns  
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.

*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, like whirlwind and fire,  
sweeps into our presence in this hour.

All: **Glory be to God,  
our Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer!**

One: God, who shepherds us through life,  
calls us to live with love, faith and intention.

All: **Glory be to God  
in whose loving embrace we are held.**

One: God, who broods over this creation like a mother,  
wants us to thrive and grow every day of our lives.

All: **Glory be to God!  
We will walk in God's light and sing God's praise!**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

For the Beauty of the Earth ( v. 1-4)

no. 14

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Music : Conrad Kocher (1838)

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## ***Prayer of Confession***

**God of Life, we enter your presence with weary and heavy hearts. We know too well all the ways we have let you down. We have not loved as we have been loved. We have not forgiven as we have been forgiven. We have not fully opened our hands to the poor and oppressed but have acted like spoiled children, clinging to position and possessions. We imagine we are the authors of our lives rather than sheep of your flock. Be patient with us, Holy One. Kindly gather us back to yourself and deal gently with our sins. We are sorry. Amen.**

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

## ***Assurance of Pardon***

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

Thine Is the Glory

no. 238

**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 Video Pageant***

What Is Love

## ***Scripture***

Psalms 23

pg. 792

## ***Sermon***

"Better Sheep"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

## ***Anthem***

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. John Ness Beck

Sanctuary Choir, Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

*The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me. Thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me. And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever. Amen.*

## ***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***

God of Creation, we gather our gifts together in the hope that you can make something new. We share our resources in the hope that people we've never met will find comfort and healing. We freely offer this money to the work of this church as a sign and symbol of our commitment to be the hands and heart of Christ in this world. Bless these gifts and guide our lives. Amen.

#### ***\*Sending Hymn***                      Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (v. 1,2,4)                      no. 187

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.*

*We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way. Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.*

*Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will. Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.*

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead us  
Text: Thrupp's *Hymns for the Young* (1836)  
Music: William Batchelder Bradbury (1859)  
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#### ***\*Benediction***

#### ***\*Benediction Response***

### ***Postlude***

Gaudeamus

Sidney S. Campbell

Judy Kabodian, Organist

## WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH



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

**EMERGE:** A community for twenty and thirty somethings to get together for study, fun, and fellowship. Our next meeting is **May 9th at 7 p.m.** Contact Pastor Devon for more details.

**PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP (PCYG):** PCYG meets **6:30-7:30 p.m. on Sundays for dinner, followed by regular PCYG from 7:30-8:30 p.m.** Confirmation Sunday is **May 15th**, with a Confirmation Party in the Youth Den 5:30-8:00 p.m. to celebrate. Contact Elisha Smith for more details on any of the events planned for this month at [esmith@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:esmith@thepeopleschurch.com)!

**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, May 11th at 9 a.m.** to review the upcoming scripture. 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 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.

**TOWN AND GOWN:** The next session of Town & Gown is **May 10th at 5p.m.** Join Age Alive as we hear from [Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe](#). Presentations are held in person in the Robertson Room and are also accessible through Zoom. To join online, visit <https://msu.zoom.us/j/93436186072>, and enter passcode Town&Gown.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW MEMBERS GATHERING:** All New Peoples Church Members and their families that have joined the church since the last New Members' Gathering in 2019 are invited to join us for Food and Fellowship at Dr. Monroe's house on **May 15th from 1-3 p.m.** Welcome Ministry hasn't been able to hold these events due to Covid in our community and we are very excited to get everyone together! This includes anyone who has been unable to attend a New Members' Gathering in the past and Confirmands who become members of the church once they are Confirmed. Please RSVP to Diane Shafer at [dmschafer2001@gmail.com](mailto:dmschafer2001@gmail.com) or 517-388-0437. See you there!

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY:** On **May 15th, during worship**, we will officially welcome New Members and recent graduates of Confirmation Class into the family of faith of The Peoples Church! Confirmands are invited to a confirmation party in the Youth Den from 5:30-8:00 p.m. to celebrate.

**JEWELRY AND BOOK SALE/ VOLUNTEERS:** The Women of Peoples Church will be continuing their Books, Jewelry, and More Sale! Sale dates are **Saturday, May 21st from 9-5 p.m. and Sunday, May 22nd from 9-1 p.m.** Small trinkets, handbags, jewelry boxes, scarves, costume and fine jewelry, framed art, mirrors, knick-knacks, and similar items in good shape will be accepted as donation for the sale. **If you would like to volunteer to help with the sale or have questions, contact Jessica Eyselinck at 646-244-2102 or [Jessica@eyselinck.com](mailto:Jessica@eyselinck.com).**

**PCYG CAKE AUCTION FUNDRAISER:** Join PCYG at our annual Cake Auction on **May 22nd directly following the service** as we raise money for our PCYG kiddos to travel to Milwaukee, WI, this summer for a week of service! This is the first mission trip PCYG has been able to take in over 2 years, and we are thrilled to have this opportunity! Your support is greatly appreciated.

**GRADUATION SUNDAY:** On **Sunday, June 12th**, we are recognizing all of our college and high school graduates! If you or a loved one is graduating, let us know. We will list all graduates in the bulletin and celebrate those who are present. Send information to [zaho@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:zaho@thepeopleschurch.com).

**SENSORY TOOL KIT:** This kit is a small bundle of items that can be used to keep a person with sensory issues calm and grounded. Each item in the kit will appeal to one of your five senses. Also included is a pair of noise-canceling headphones. A Sensory Tool kit is reserved for those 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 just outside the side sanctuary door.

## INTERFAITH SERVICE

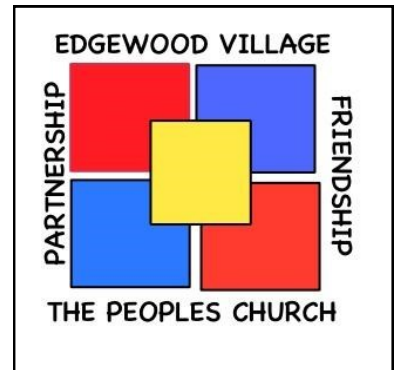
*Welcome the Stranger: An Interfaith Service of Song and Story*

The Interfaith Clergy Association will revive its annual interfaith service on **Monday, May 16th, at 7 p.m., at The Peoples Church**. We will offer scriptures and songs from many faiths that emphasize the importance of welcoming and tending to newcomers in our midst.

ALL are welcome. Together we can form one single community of friendship and mutual respect. You can attend in person, or through [YouTube live stream](#).

## EDGEWOOD VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

An important contribution to our partnership with Edgewood Village is the time we share with residents working in their garden. Cait Schneider, Edgewood Village Garden Coordinator, is passionate about growing food and flowers, and fostering community. She **invites us to join her once a month, from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday evenings**, to help the Edgewood Village Garden grow! She is hoping that a good group of us will show up on **May 25, June 22, and July 20** to fertilize, water, weed, and share the spirit of fellowship. If you are interested in this gardening opportunity, please call Cheryl Leece at 517-410-1313. Your help in building our partnership is greatly appreciated!



## Vacation Bible School

Join us **June 13-17 for all day Vacation Bible School!** Our unique VBS is half a day of Bible stories, crafts and activities and a half day of nature camp! For 4 days we will be exploring the amazing Woldumar Nature Center. One day we will be at the church enjoying a naturalist presentation, ice cream social and more!

### Registration is open for:

- Campers (finished Kindergarten to 5th grade)
- CITs (finished 6th or 7th grade)
- Crew Leaders (finished 8th grade and at least 14 years old)



For more information, scan the QR code, or click [here](#). Contact Kathi Mitchell ([kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com)) with any questions.