

# Sanctuary Service

## May 14, 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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**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. 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, you  
can find  
The Peoples Church  
of East Lansing  
on YouTube!

MAKE A GIFT ONLINE  
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# Order of Service | May 14, 2023

*Please take this opportunity to fill out the black attendance pad found at the end of your pew.*

## **Prelude**

The Gift of Love  
Judy Kabodian, Organist  
*Acolytes: Malcolm & Miles*

arr. John Leavitt

## **Introit**

We Come with Joy  
Carol Choir, directed by Elizabeth Reed

John Erickson

We come with joy on this, God's holy day, to sing to pray, on this God's holy day. Come sing, come sing, come worship our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

## **\*Call to Worship**

Sue Patterson

One Beloved children of God: hear this news!  
When we stumble and our faith falters, God's faithfulness bears us along.

**All When our spirits soar and our faith grows strong,  
God's faithfulness lifts us to new heights of devotion.**

One When our lives become a blur of duties and distractions,  
God's faithfulness pierces the fog to guide us back to faithfulness.

**All God's faithfulness endures forever! We lift our hearts in praise!  
All glory and praise be to God, now and forever!**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

Morning Has Broken (v. 1-3)

no. 664

*Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!*

***Prayer of Confession***

**God of wonders, we confess that we have a hard time believing in your promise of new life. Even when we are unhappy with our lives, it is easier to cling to what we know than to risk the unknown. You challenge us to accept people who are different from us, but we are not eager to associate with them. You command us to love one another, but some people are hard to love. O God, melt our defenses so we can accept your love and let it flow through us. Grant us courage to embrace new life in Christ Jesus. 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!**

***Anthem w/Congregation***

Rain Down

arr. John Carter

Carol Choir & Youth Choir, directed by Elizabeth Reed

**(See backside of bulletin for lyrics.)**

***Children's Message***

Teacher Recognition

Thank you very much to our amazing Sunday School teachers: Jennifer Hunter, Joshua Barton, Danika Van Niel, Angela Biedenbender, Amanda Holmstrom, Kelsey Osborne-Grath, Kristen Calabrese, Phyllis Grummon, Cathy Lancaster, and Margaret Tassarò.

***Anthem***

Christ Hath a Garden

Gerald Near

Sanctuary Choir directed by Ben Clements

Christ hath a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground, chosen by love and fenced by grace from out of the world's wide wilderness. Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand; by Eden's gracious streams, that flow to feed their beauty where they grow. Awake, O wind of heaven, and bear their sweetest perfume through the air: Sir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved Master come: That he may come, and linger yet among the trees that he hath set; that he may evermore be seen to walk among the springing green.

***First Scripture Reading***

Psalms 66:8-20

Sue Patterson

***Second Scripture Reading***

1 Peter 3:13-16

**Hymn of Response**

My Life Flows On (v. 1-2, 4)

no. 821

*My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I hear the clear, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.*

**Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

*Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? **Refrain.***

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? **Refrain.***

My Life Flows On  
Text & Music: Robert Lowry  
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**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Haley Hansen

**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**



*To make a gift online, please scan the QR code.*

**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**

Rev. Haley Hansen

**Gracious God, we give you thanks for the blessings we have received. We dedicate ourselves and this offering to sharing your love with the world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*

*O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.*

*We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.*

*O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*

O for a World

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**\*Benediction**

**Benediction Response**

**Postlude**

Set Me as a Seal  
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Gilbert Martin



**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](mailto: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 Luke 24:44-53.

## ***PROGRAMMING (cont.)***

**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:** In observance of Mothers Day, PCYG is NOT gathering this evening. The PCYG Lock-In is coming up on **Saturday, May 20** from **7 p.m. to 10:30 a.m.** **Sunday, May 21.** Mark your calendar for a night of fun! **Sunday, May 28** PCYG is hosting a Family Picnic following the 10:30 a.m. service! (Students will come to the kitchen at 10:30 to help serve.)

**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 **June 8!**

**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](mailto: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.**

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH:** Ladies Lunch Bunch is having lunch at Coral Gables on **Wednesday, May 24 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. All are welcome!

**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](mailto: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.

# Rain Down

## CONGREGATION

Based on Psalm 33

Jaime Cortez  
Arr. by JOHN CARTER

### REFRAIN:

Rain' down, rain down, rain down your  
love on your peo - ple. Rain down, rain  
down, rain down your love, God of life.\_\_\_\_\_

CHOIR: REFRAIN

SOLO: Faithful and true is the word of our God.  
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.

CHOIR: God's mercy falls on the just and the right;  
full of God's love is the earth.

CHOIR & CONG.: REFRAIN

CHOIR: We who revere and find hope in our God  
live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.  
God will protect us from darkness and death;  
God will not leave us to starve.

CHOIR & CONG.: REFRAIN

CHOIR: God of creation, we long for your truth;  
you are the water of life for our thirst.  
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,  
all of our hope lies in you.

CHOIR & CONG.: REFRAIN