

Sanctuary Service

June 18, 2023



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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Sunday (Summer) Schedule

Sanctuary Service: 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Livestreamed on YouTube.

Sunday school begins after the Children's Moment.

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.

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Wednesdays @ Peoples Church is a weekly community dinner followed by programming. Join us at

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, 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

The Faithful Shepherd
Judy Kabodian, Organist

G.F. Handel

Acolytes: Malcolm & Miles

Welcome

Rev. Haley Hansen

***Call to Worship**

One: In the midst of our failures,

All: We stand in God's grace.

One: In the midst of our struggles,

All: We boast in our hope through Christ.

One: In the midst of our suffering,

All: We claim the endurance given by the Holy Spirit.

One: In every part of our lives,

All: The love of our Divine Creator has been poured into our hearts.

One: Let us be open to this love as we join together in worship.

***Gathering Hymn**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (v. 1-4)

no. 687

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Prayer of Confession

God of infinite mercy, when we trade your peace and call for unity for conflict and violence, forgive us; when we fail to care for the lost and least, forgive us; when we scoff at your ways, forgive us; when we ignore your truth, and turn away from your wisdom, forgive us. Forgive us and heal us, Lord, that we may abide in your grace and your love forever. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

no. 286

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Solo

He Leadeth Me
Judy Kabodian, Piano

arr. Jay Rouse

Scripture Reading

Romans 5:1-8

“Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.”

Sermon

“This Grace in Which We Stand”

Rev. Haley Hansen

O God of every nation, of every race and land, redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand. Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right, from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night, from pride of race and station and blindness to your way, deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.

Lord, strengthen those who labor that all may find release from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase; when hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard; with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, when hatred and division give way to love and peace, till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

O God of Every Nation

Text: William W. Reid Jr. (1958)

Music: Welsh folk melody; Llwybraw Moliant (1872); harm. The English Hymnal (1906)

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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



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

Gracious and holy God, accept what we offer today: our money, our faltering steps, our brokenness, our hope, our risking, our lives. Bless and transform all that we offer and all that we hold back, that new life may be ours, to celebrate and share in Jesus' name. Amen

***Sending Hymn**

How Great Thou Art (v. 1-4)

no. 625

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

*When through the woods and forests glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: **Refrain***

*And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin: **Refrain***

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!": **Refrain***

Text: Stuart K. Hine (1953); Spanish trans. Arturo W. Hotton Rives; alt. Korean trans. anonymous

Music: Swedish folk melody; adapt. Stuart K. Hine (1949)

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***Benediction**

Postlude

Tocatta in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

Judy Kabodian, Organist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER WORSHIP: Our summer worship services have begun! Through the summer there will only be one service at **9:30 a.m.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VBS begins tomorrow! Vacation Bible School is this week at the church, **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.** We have a super fun week with half day VBS activities and half day summer camp adventures planned. Our campers will enjoy a trip to the zoo, a Grand Finale production, and more! **There is still time to donate fresh fruit for snacks, or sponsor one of our fun afternoon activities!** If you are interested and able to donate or sponsor, please call (989) 318-3293, or email kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com, or email vbs@thepeopleschurch.com. Please be in prayer for the children and the volunteers! And don't forget to join us for our Grand Finale Ice Cream Social **Friday, June 23 at 3 p.m.!** Our campers will show some of the songs and dances they learned during VBS! Everyone is welcome to watch our campers perform on the stage in Snider Social Hall!

MINNESOTA BOYCHOIR CONCERT: Join us this **Tuesday, June 20 at 6:15 p.m.** to hear the Minnesota Boychoir on their Michigan Tour! The Minnesota Boychoir, now in its 61st season, is the oldest continually operating boys choir in the Twin Cities. Their reputation for excellence has brought invitations from local and national music conventions, as well as sporting events and touring Broadway companies. The choir has performed with the Minnesota Orchestra, the Minnesota Opera, the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony, the Prague Philharmonic, and a long list of local and national performers. The Boychoir has traveled to five continents with recent tours that included performances at Sydney's Opera House, Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican and Montserrat Abbey in Barcelona. The Minnesota Boychoir trains young men to be outstanding musicians and strives to help them develop a sense of poise and self-confidence through education and performance.

COUNCIL OF ELDERS: The Peoples Church is looking for members who would like to serve as an elder or a member of the Nominations Committee:

Council of Elders (Three-year term): The Elder Council is responsible for the spiritual, physical, and overall welfare of the church. The council is comprised of 15 members, the clerk, and the treasurer, all of which are elected from active members of the church at the annual Fall Election Meeting. In addition, there is one representative selected from each denomination. The typical meeting schedule of the council includes a ministry meeting on the second or third Tuesday of each month, and the elders' meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Elders are elected to serve a three-year term and can serve two terms consecutively. New members take office January 1.

Nomination Committee: The Nomination Committee is comprised of eight members and typically meets annually in August to recruit and select candidates for the Elder Council and the Nomination Committee slate for the congregation to vote on during the Fall Election Meeting. Members are selected to serve two-year terms, and must take a year off before serving again on the committee.

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UNDIE SUNDAYS: Undie Sundays are returning, collection begins **June 11 and ends August 13.**

Community Engagement will be collecting NEW underwear (underpants, socks, & tees) children, K-12. Look for the red kids stuff basket at the Welcome Desk to leave donations, or they may be dropped off in TPC office. All items will be delivered to the LOVE Clothing Closet at Judson Memorial Baptist Church. Questions? Contact Ruth Worthington by emailing worthin2@msu.edu.

HELP NEEDED: Edgewood Village has asked TPC if we are able to offer several volunteers to help work in their vegetable garden this summer, two Wednesdays a month, 6-7:30 p.m. If you love to garden and are interested in working with the folks at Edgewood Village, please contact Cheryl Leece by emailing leececm44@gmail.com, or by calling (517) 410-1313.

PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

ACHE: Adults Connecting and Having Events is a young adult group that meets twice a month. To keep up with events, follow us on Instagram [@ache_thepeopleschurch](https://www.instagram.com/ache_thepeopleschurch), or contact Pastor Haley by emailing hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Pastor Haley leads the in-person study group on **Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Robertson Room**, and Pastor Shawnthea leads the **Wednesday Zoom session from 9 to 10 a.m.** The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88178100531>.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: PCYG will NOT be meeting this evening. The PCYG Family Picnic has been moved to **Sunday, June 25 following the 9:30 a.m. service.**

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. There will NOT be a Pub Theology gathering on July 13.

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.**

WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH: A community dinner is hosted **every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.** At **6:30**, Shawnthea Monroe teaches dance aerobics in the gym. All are welcome! (Faith & the News Bible study will not meet through the summer.)

