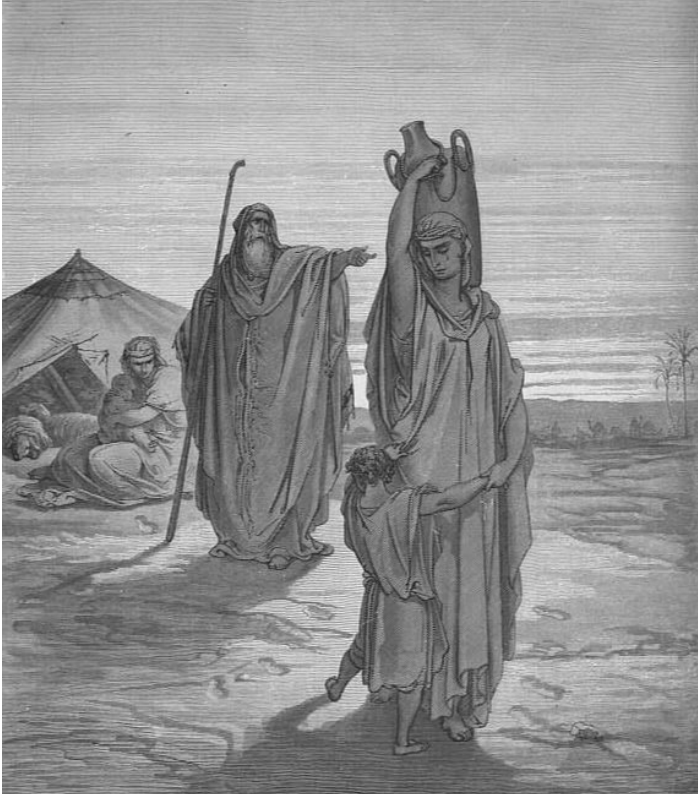


Sanctuary Service

June 25, 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.

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, you can find **The Peoples Church of East Lansing on YouTube!**

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Prelude

Andantino

Cesar Franck

Judy Kabodian, Organist

Acolyte: Izaak Biedenbender

Welcome

Rev. Haley Hansen

***Call to Worship**

One Come into God's house, all you beloved children.

Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

All We come from the East and the West, the North and the South.

We come as we are to worship our Creator!

One Come into God's house, in all your diversity and splendor!

Made in God's image, we all bear the divine spark.

All We come as we are, broken and blessed, diverse and divided.

We come to meet Jesus who can make us whole and make us one.

One Come into God's house, where everyone has a place at the table.

No one is excluded from God's grace; no one is separated from God's love.

All In God's presence, we will set down our burdens and open our hearts.

May God's mercy and love transform us in this hour!

***Gathering Hymn**

Let Us Build a House (v. 1, 2, 5)

no. 301

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

*Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **Refrain.***

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **Refrain.***

Let Us Build a House

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Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and love, we confess to you that we have not loved others as you have loved us. We have limited your mercy and drawn lines around salvation. We have allowed fear and shame to shape our understanding of the Gospel. With our words, our actions, and even our silence, we have cast out others, leaving them hopeless and afraid. Forgive us, O God. Help us to create a world where all your beloved children can live and thrive in peace. This is our prayer. 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

Sonata for Flute and Piano: Cantilena
Jeremy Makkonen, Flute

Francis Poulenc

Scripture Reading

Genesis 21:8-21

“The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, ‘Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.’ The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, ‘Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named to you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.’ So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, ‘Do not let me look on the death of the child.’ And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, ‘What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.’ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.”

Hymn of Response

Help Us Accept Each Other (v. 1-4)

no. 754

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness, and laughter’s healing art.

Lord, for today’s encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on: renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!

Help Us Accept Each Other
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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



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****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 Love, in Christ Jesus, you call us to be part of something bigger than ourselves. In that spirit, we dedicate this offering to the greater good. Help us to work together in love to create a better world for all your children. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

In Christ There is No East or West (v. 1-4)

no. 318

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

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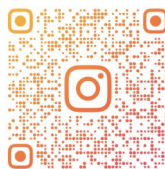
****Benediction***

Postlude

Lord, You Give me the Great Commission
Judy Kabodian, Organist

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CLEANOUT: Volunteers are needed **Saturday, July 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, July 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** to help declutter and clean out the church. Sign up at the Welcome Desk!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: What a wonderful week of VBS 2023! We loved having our church host us for a week of learning how to be heroes! We learned that heroes help others, work together, listen to God, follow Jesus, and show grace. Our campers did mission projects for the elderly, chemistry experiments, and more! Our afternoon fun included a visit from turtles, water play, and a trip to the zoo! Many thanks to our counselors, volunteers, and sponsors — we couldn't have had such a successful week without your help and support! We hope our campers not only learned our Bible verse, but how to live it. May we all learn to do the same! "So let's strive together for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up." Romans 14:19.

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.

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, 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 is **TODAY following the 9:30 a.m. service!** All are welcome to join!

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.)

