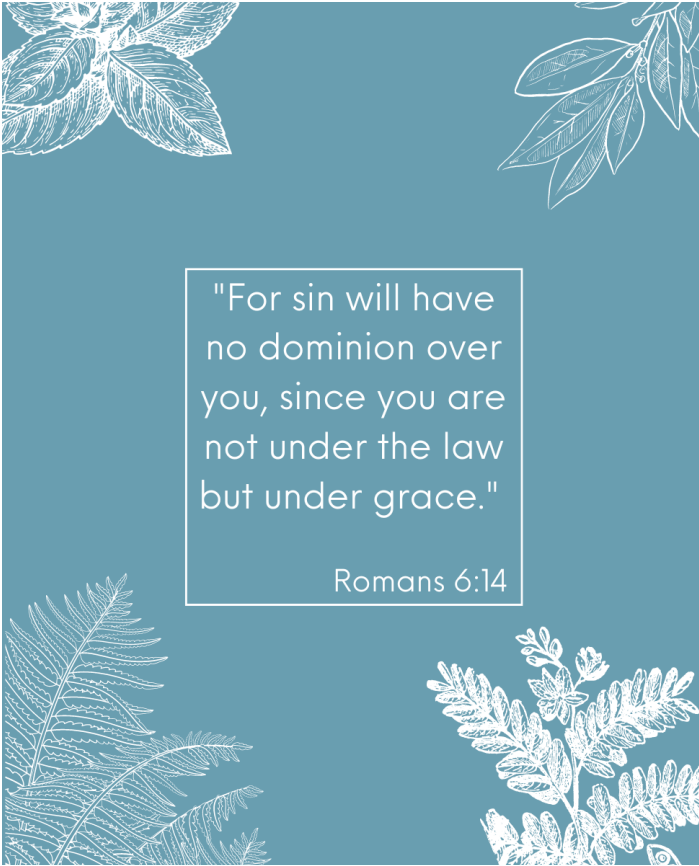


# Sanctuary Service

## July 2, 2023



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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### Sunday (Summer) Schedule

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

There is NO Sunday School this morning.

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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**Dr. Jonathan Reed, Director of Music**

**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!**

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# Order of Service | July 2, 2023

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

## **Prelude**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies  
Judy Kabodian, Organist

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

## **Welcome**

Rev. Haley Hansen

## **\*Call to Worship**

One Early in the morning, our thoughts turn to God.  
We have come into God's presence to worship.

**All We come, trusting in God's steadfast love.  
We gather, seeking the way of true peace and salvation.**

One In Jesus Christ, God has made an everlasting covenant with us.  
Let us proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

**All In our brokenness, we ask for healing; In our sinfulness, we ask for mercy.  
With grateful hearts, let us sing praises to our God!**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (v. 1-4)

no. 619

*Praise my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!*

*Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears, in distress; God is still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing our Maker's faithfulness!*

*Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame, gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same. Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, praise God's name!*

*Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face. Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!*

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Text: Henry Francis Lyte (1834); adapt. Ecumenical Women's Center (1974)

Music: "The Agincourt Song" (1415); harm. Alfred V. Fedak (1993)

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## *Prayer of Confession*

**Holy God, our hearts are heavy with the violence of our world. There is so much suffering caused by human hands. You offer peace, but we wage war. You offer forgiveness, but we seek vengeance. You offer grace, but we deal in judgment. We are proud and selfish, short-sighted and undisciplined. We have sinned over and over again, separating ourselves from you. In your mercy, forgive us, O God. Release us from the burden of our mistakes and set us on the path that Christ calls us to. We pray for mercy in Jesus' name. 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*

Nella Fantasia  
Sue Rosser, Soprano

Ennio Morricono

In my fantasy I see a just world, where everyone lives in peace and in honesty. I dream of spirits that are always free, like the clouds that fly, full of humanity in the depths of the spirit. In my fantasy I see a bright world, where each night there is less darkness. I dream of spirits that are always free, like the clouds that fly. Full of humanity. In my fantasy exists a warm wind, that breathes into the city, like a friend. I dream of spirits that are always free, like the clouds that fly, full of humanity in the depths of the spirit.

## *Scripture Reading*

Romans 6:12-23

## *Sermon*

“Sin Boldly?”

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound  
Text: John Newton (1772)  
Music: *Columbian Harmony* (1829)  
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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***

**We praise you, God of all creation! We ask you to bless and use this offering to further your work in this world. May all we say and do bring glory to your holy name. Amen.**

## **Service of Communion**

*Invitation*

*Prayer of Institution*

*Sharing of the Bread and Cup*

### **Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Almighty God, you have called us to lives of faithful discipleship. We accept your call and find true freedom. At this table, you have given us strength for the journey. Now in company with the risen Christ, we go out into the world to be your people, loving and serving everyone we meet. We give you thanks! Amen.**

### **\*Sending Hymn**

Lead On, O King Eternal!" (v. 1-3)

no. 269

*Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; hence-forth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong, and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.*

*Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.*

*Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fear, for gladness breaks like morning where e'er your face appears; your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light. The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!*

Lead On, O King Eternal!  
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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**

Water Music: Hornpipe in F  
Judy Kabodian, Organist

G.F. Handel

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** There is NO Sunday School this morning.

**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!

**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:

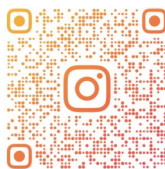
**Council of Elders (Three-year term):** The Elder Council is responsible for the spiritual, physical, and overall welfare of the church. The council is comprised of 15 members, the clerk, and the treasurer, all of which are elected from active members of the church at the annual Fall Election Meeting. 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](mailto: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](mailto:leececm44@gmail.com), or by calling (517) 410-1313.

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## ***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/86068627263>. This week's passage will be Romans 7:15-25.

**PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP:** PCYG will NOT be meeting this evening.

**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.)

