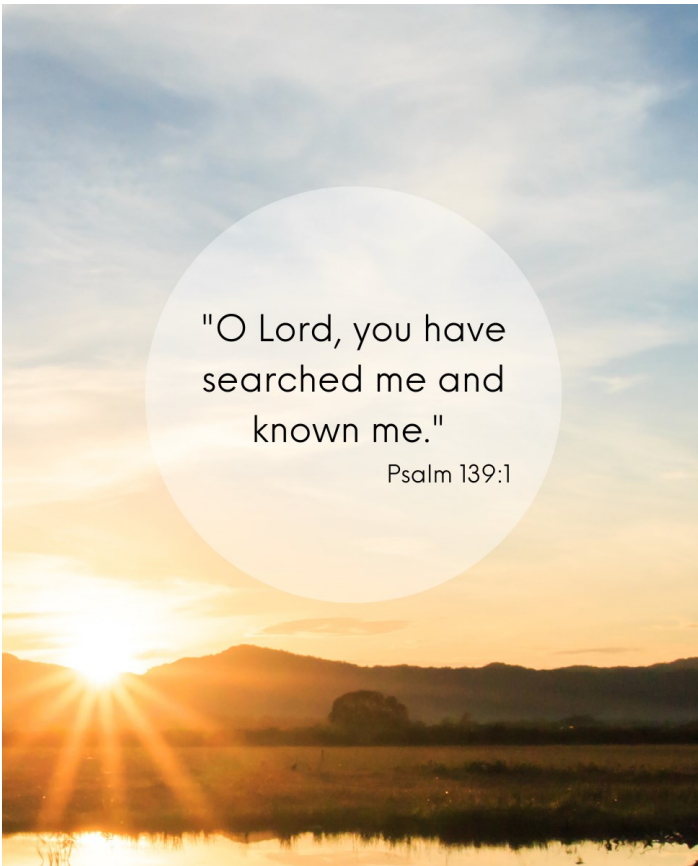


Sanctuary Service

July 23, 2023



"O Lord, you have
searched me and
known me."

Psalm 139:1



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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Sunday (Summer) Schedule

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

Sunday School takes place 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
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

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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

Procession
Judy Kabodian, Organist

C.S. Lang

Welcome

Rev. Haley Hansen

***Call to Worship**

One: O Lord, you have searched us and known us.

All: Before we move or think or speak, you know our actions and our words.

One: You breathed life into us, and shaped us to serve your purpose and sing your praise.

All: How wonderful are your thoughts, O God!

One: How vast is the expanse of your grace and love!

All: Praise the Lord!

One: The Lord's name be praised.

***Gathering Hymn**

Rejoice, the Lord is King! (v. 1-4)

no. 363

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Refrain: Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. Refrain.

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. Refrain.

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come and gather all the saints to their eternal home. Refrain.

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Text: Charles Wesley, 1746
Music: John Darwall, 1770
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Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, we admit we have failed to be faithful disciples. We have turned our backs on those in need. We have sought after power and riches, believing that these things bring true happiness. We impatiently wander from your will. Forgive us when we have failed to treat others with compassion. Tune our hearts to your healing and love. These things we ask 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

Jesus, My All, To Heaven is Gone
Nick Kreider, Baritone

arr. Howard Helvey

Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone, I'll never turn back no more; He whom I fix my hopes upon, I'll never turn back no more. No more, no more, no more, my Lord; I'll never turn back no more. His path I see, and I'll pursue, I'll never turn back no more; The narrow way, till him I view, I'll never turn back no more. No more, no more, no more, my Lord; I'll never turn back no more. Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139

Sermon

"Where Shall I Go?"

Rev. Haley Hansen

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord; when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Be Still, My Soul

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Music: Jean Sibelius (1899); arr. The Hymnal (1933)

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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

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

Generous God, take our gifts and use them for the fulfillment of your beloved Kingdom. With this offering, we pledge our service in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee. In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see. With each new day, when morning lifts the veil, we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us abide. Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land. Be thou our guide. With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light, and faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow thee. When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be. Be thou for us in life our daily bread, our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

God of the Fertile Fields
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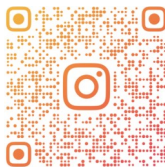
***Benediction**

Postlude

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Judy Kabodian, Organist

arr. Homer Whitford

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 WOMEN'S RETREAT: You will not want to miss this year's women's retreat at the **St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt Friday, September 22 and Saturday, September 23!** Join us for conversation, fellowship, and worship. This year's presenter is Shannon Craigo-Snell, who will lead a conversation about *Serving God With Our Whole Selves*. The cost is \$120 single occupancy or \$105 double occupancy, which covers the program, four meals, and all accommodations. If you would like to register, or have questions about the retreat, please contact Beth Lundy by emailing Blundy@thepeopleschurch.com. Scholarships are available upon request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

ASL INTERPRETERS NEEDED: We are looking for more ASL (American Sign Language) interpreters to help interpret during our services. Duties would include interpreting during our Sunday worship services, holiday services, and some special events. If you (or someone you know) are an ASL interpreter and are interested in serving in this vital ministry at The Peoples Church, please contact us by emailing office@thepeopleschurch.com, or by calling our office, (517) 332-5073, for more details about scheduling and compensation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Love Clothing Center is in desperate need of volunteer teams to help during the back-to-school season. The center is located at Judson Memorial Baptist Church in Lansing, and is open 9 a.m.— 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays from August 5 until September 30. Volunteers help parents find clothing for their children, sort and bag clothing, and aid center coordinators with a variety of tasks. To learn more about volunteering at Love Clothing Center, send an email to cslansing@outlook.com, or call (517) 394-5413.

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.

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>. The passage for this week is Genesis 28:10-19.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: PCYG will NOT be meeting this evening. **Wednesday, July 26, 3-7:30 p.m.** PCYG will be helping prepare and serve the Wednesday night community dinner at the church! **Saturday, August 5**, PCYG is going to Michigan's Adventure! More times and details will be announced soon! Elisha is in need of a driver for this trip! She is offering a free ticket to the driver; all they have to do is pass a background check and a driving test. Call Elisha if you're interested and available to drive! (307) 272-8998. This is the time of the year where we welcome our incoming 6th grade students! If you know any new (or older) students who are interested in PCYG please contact our youth director, Elisha, by emailing esmith@thepeopleschurch.com.

PUB THEOLOGY: We meet on the **second Tuesday each month, 6:00 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 in August.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday Morning Men's Group is currently reading 'Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home' by Richard Foster. 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.)

