

# Sanctuary Service

## July 30, 2023

### Into the Wilderness



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823

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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.

### 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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# Order of Service | July 30, 2023

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

## **Prelude**

Andante

W. A. Mozart

Judy Kabodian, Organist

Acolyte: Izaak

## **Welcome**

Rev. Haley Hansen

## **\*Call to Worship**

One Gather and listen for the voice of God;  
God is still speaking to those who will listen.

**All In times of triumph and times of success,  
We give thanks and praise to God!**

One Watch and wait for signs of God's action;  
God is still acting in everyday life.

**All In times of sorrow and times of struggle,  
We give thanks and praise to God!**

One Come as you are, wondering or wandering,  
And meet the One who has called you by name.

**All We come as we are to worship the Lord.  
May the Spirit move through our service.**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (v. 1-3)

no. 686

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

## ***Prayer of Confession***

**Merciful God, we confess we have a Sunday faith. Sitting in worship, our faith is strong. But as soon as we leave the church, our faith starts to waiver. We act out of selfishness. We speak without thinking. We worry about small things and spend our precious time on mindless distractions. In times of transition, we are filled with fear, and pretend you have abandoned us. Forgive us, O God, for our inflexible faith. Forgive us for not recognizing your presence and your power in our lives. Draw us back to you, O God, and give us peace. 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**    Alleluia    W. A. Mozart  
    Ally Szeles, Clarinet

**Scripture Reading**                              Genesis 28:10-19

**Sermon**    "Into the Wilderness"                      Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

**Hymn of Response**                      Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries (v. 1, 2, 6)                      no. 653

*Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in troubled days with wondrous works to humankind that call for highest praise. Let all who know God's saving love sing grateful songs always.*

*If you have ever wandered where no human help was near, and in your trouble cried to God, who rescued you from fear, then thank the God of steadfast love who dries your every tear.*

*So praise the One whose love is great, whose kindness is well-known. Consider well the healing hand and help you have been shown, and tell the world what God has done. Praise God and God alone.*

Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries

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**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 God, bless this offering and the hope that these gifts represent. May this money strengthen the ministry of this church so more people will experience the joy and peace of knowing Jesus. We dedicate this offering in Christ's name. Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**

Give to the Winds Thy Fears (v. 1-4)

no. 815

*Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed. God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.*

*Through waves and clouds and storms God gently clears the way. Wait patiently; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.*

*Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and to command. So shalt thou, wondering, own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!*

*Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare, and publish with our final breath thy love and guardian care.*

Give to the Winds Thy Fears  
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**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Festal Song  
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Seth Bingham

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFIRMATION NOTICE:** Dr. Monroe will be teaching this year's confirmation class. If you, or someone you know, is 13 or 14 years old and would like a chance to take a deep dive into the Christian faith, please contact Dr. Monroe by sending an email to [smonroe@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:smonroe@thepeopleschurch.com).

**2023 WOMEN'S RETREAT:** You will not want to miss this year's women's retreat at the **St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt on 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](mailto:Blundy@thepeopleschurch.com). Scholarships are available upon request.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:cslansing@outlook.com), or call (517) 394-5413.

**HELP NEEDED:** Alexa is looking for more helpers in our Sunday School ministry! If you enjoy working with children and wouldn't mind volunteering on occasional Sundays, email Alexa at [ahayes-murray@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:ahayes-murray@thepeopleschurch.com).

**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).

## ***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>. There will NOT be Wednesday Zoom session with Shawnthea this week. This week's passage is Matthew 14:13-21.

**PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP:** PCYG will NOT be meeting this evening. **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY:** "Voices of the Community" commences again **September 10 at 9:30 a.m.** with an incredible speaker, Johnny Agar from Rockford, Michigan. Johnny was born with Cerebral Palsy, but has achieved many goals in his 28 years with the help of his family and "Team Agar." Johnny was featured on CBS twice within the last few months, and he and his father have been invited to compete in the Hawaiian Ironman 2024. Johnny has also written a book entitled 'The Impossible Mile: The Power of Living One Step at a Time.' Please invite your friends and family to join us in The Robertson Room September 10 to hear about Johnny Agar's incredible story.

**WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH:** During the month of August, we are taking a break from our **Wednesday evening community dinners! Join us Wednesday, September 13 when they resume!** 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.)

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