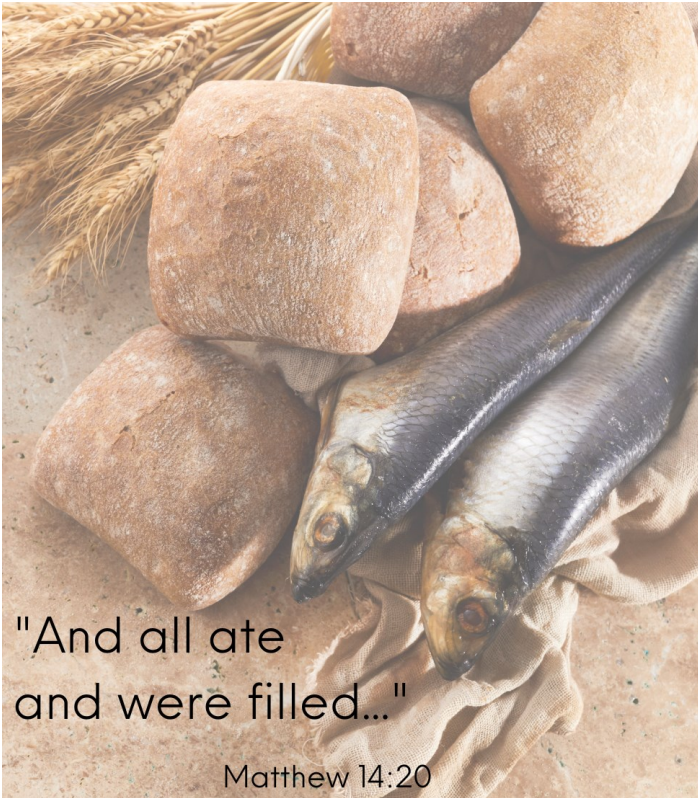


Sanctuary Service

August 6, 2023



"And all ate
and were filled..."

Matthew 14:20



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.

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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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

Voluntary in C Major
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Henry Purcell

Acolytes: Malcolm & Miles

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Haley Hansen

One: God of our hopes and dreams, we are empty, and long to be filled;

All: We are hungry, and long to be fed; we are lost, and long to be found.

One: Gather us into your love, and pick up the pieces of our lives,

All: Just as Jesus gathered up the fragments of the loaves and fish that remained after feeding the five thousand.

One: Call us anew to eat our fill and to find our true nourishment in Jesus, the bread of heaven. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (v. 1-3)

no. 509

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Hymn of Response

Break Thou the Bread of Life (v. 1-2)

no. 460

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord. My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me, as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee. Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall. And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

TEXT: Mary Ann Lathbury (1877)
MUSIC: William Fisk Sherwin (1877)
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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

Merciful God, the gifts we bring to you often feel so small in comparison to the vast needs of our world. Yet we bring you what we can. As you multiplied the loaves and fish, multiply these gifts as well, so that, once again, the hungry may receive all they need. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of time and eternity, we leave this table of communion knowing that we are never out of communion with you nor distant from our sisters and brothers. May we take this spirit of love and unity out into the world, serving in Christ's name. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (v. 1-3)

no. 65

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more. Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield. Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
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Music: John Hughes (1907)
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***Benediction**

Postlude

Trumpet Finale
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Francesco Manfredini

If you are new to The Peoples Church and would like to tour our facilities, please meet at the front of the sanctuary for our first-Sunday-of-the-month guided tour!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

KICKOFF SUNDAY: Our 2023 Kickoff Sunday is **September 10!**

RETURNING TO TWO SERVICES: On **Sunday, September 10**, Kickoff Sunday, our 10:30 a.m. service will resume. Our 8:30 a.m. service will resume the following week on **Sunday, September 17.**

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.

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. 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, or by calling our office, (517) 332-5073, for more details about scheduling and compensation.

JOIN SANCTUARY CHOIR & HANDBELL CHOIR: Fall is almost upon us, which means it's time again for Sanctuary Choir and Clarion Ringers to begin rehearsals and Sunday performances. Whether you previously sang and rang with the choirs, or if you haven't but would like to try, you're invited to check it out! The **Clarion Ringers rehearse Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.**, and the **Sanctuary Choir rehearses Thursdays at 7 p.m.** Sanctuary Choir's **first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 7.**

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

UNDIE SUNDAYS: There is still time to support Undie Sundays before it **ends on August 13**. Community Engagement is 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 29:15-28.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: PCYG will NOT be meeting this evening. 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 **first 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 also wrote a book entitled 'The Impossible Mile: The Power of Living One Step at a Time.' Join us in The Robertson Room to hear Johnny'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.)