

# Sanctuary Service

## September 18, 2022



### Sunday Schedule

Sanctuary Service: 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Livestreamed on YouTube.

Chapel Service: 8:30 a.m.

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

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### COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. Bev Mason, 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,  
click [here!](#)

To join the worship  
service via  
telephone,  
dial (844) 933-0517

**MAKE A GIFT  
ONLINE**

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# Order of Service | September 18, 2022

## **Prelude**

Cantilena  
Judy Kabodian, organist

Joseph Rheinberger

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

## **Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

## **\*Call to Worship**

One: Come into God's presence and join in worship!  
Rejoice for all that God has given to us!

**All: We give thanks to God for the gift of this day!  
We celebrate God's goodness and God's love!**

One: We love because God first loved us.  
We serve because Christ first served us.

**All: Energized by the Spirit, united through God's love,  
We join together with one voice and praise the Lord!**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

When Morning Gilds the Skies (v. 1-3)

no. 667

*When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: may Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: may Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!*

When Morning Gilds the Skies  
Text: German hymn, c. 1800  
Music: Joseph Barnby, 1868  
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## **Prayer of Confession**

**God of all life, we confess to you all the things that pull us away from your holy presence. Through admitting our failures and facing our sin, we hope to find peace and a path forward. We admit to squandering our time and our talents. We admit to ignoring opportunities for service and signs of your grace. You know full well who we are and what we have done. Please forgive our sins, restore our faith, and draw us back to you, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## ***Moment of Silent Reflection***

## ***Assurance of Pardon***

### ***\*Confession Response***

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God (v. 1)

no. 423

**Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.**

## ***Passing the Peace of Christ***

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

## ***Children's Moment***

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

## ***Anthem***

He's Got the Whole World *with* This Is My Father's World  
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Ben Clements

Arr. Joel Raney

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. He's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hands the wonders wrought. He's got the tiny little baby in his hands, he's got the tiny little baby in his hands, he's got the tiny little baby in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands. This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere. He's got the wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands. This is our Father's world: O let us not forget that though the wrong is great and strong, God is the ruler yet! This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King, let heaven ring! God reigns; let earth be glad! He's got the whole world in his hands. This is my Father's world.

## ***First Scripture***

Psalms 139:1-6, 17-18

## ***Second Scripture***

Luke 16:1-13

## ***Sermon***

"The Golden Calf"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

*Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare; O knit my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there! Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live; myself to thee entirely give.*

*O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone; O may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown! All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.*

*O Love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies; care, anguish, sorrow melt away where'er thy healing beams arise. O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but thee.*

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1653

Music: Henri Fredrick Hemy, 1864

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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***

### ***\*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***

**O God, we have gathered our gifts together and with one voice we dedicate this offering to you. Bless us with generous hearts so we can honestly address the needs of the church and the needs of the world. We give and serve in the name of Jesus, our companion and our Savior. Amen.**

*God reigns! Let earth rejoice! Let oceans shout God's might! Borne up by truth and righteousness, God's throne is our delight. Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!*

*False idols rise to claim the weakness of our pride, but cannot touch the faithful ones, for God stands at our side. Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!*

*The radiance of God's light beams joy into our days; now filled with God's own peace and love, our hearts resound with praise. Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!*

God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!

Text: Michael Morgan, 1995

Music: Arthur Henry Messiter, 1883

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**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

**Postlude**

Toccata in F Major  
Judy Kabodian, organist

Dietrich Buxtehude

**Floral Dedication**



Today's floral arrangement is given by Ellie Goff, *in memory of Walt Goff.*

**PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH**



**COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP:** After the service, please join us in Friendship Hall for freshly brewed coffee, sweet treats, and fellowship!

**MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE:** Join Pastor Devon in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m. on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays for a lively discussion of scripture and current hot-button issues.

**VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY:** Held on the first Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room, these informative presentations give a voice to various community members on a wide range of topics. For the month of October, the forum has been switched to the second Sunday, October 9th, with guest speaker Megan Hayes Doherty, President of Hayes Electric. All are welcome!

**CAMPUS MINISTRY:** Campus Ministry meets Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in the College Lounge, and on Mondays at 11 a.m. at Blue Owl Coffee.

**PCYG:** Combined middle and high school Youth Group will meet Sunday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Youth Den!

**ENGAGING THE WORD:** Led by Pastor Shawnthea, this group meets in-person on Mondays from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room and Wednesdays on Zoom from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. The text discussed this week is Luke 16: 19-31. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81906921959>.

**A.C.H.E. (Grad Student Group):** Adults Connecting Having Events will meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. For more information about this young adult group, follow [ache\\_thepeopleschurch](#) on Instagram or contact Pastor Devon at [dherrell@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:dherrell@thepeopleschurch.com). This week, we will meet in the College Lounge at 6 p.m.

**TUESDAY MORNING MEN’S GROUP:** The Tuesday Morning Men’s Group is currently reading *The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God* by Dallas Willard. We continue to meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.

**MEN’S WEDNESDAY NOON DISCUSSION GROUP:** Join us in the Robertson Room to begin our discussion of the book “Why I Would Have Killed Jesus and You Might Have Too” By David Nelson.

**WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH:** A community dinner will be held every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, followed by your choice of dance aerobics with Shawnthea Monroe, or bible study with Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell. Childcare is available on the second floor after dinner, from 6:15—7:45 p.m. We hope you can join us for Wednesdays @ Peoples Church!

**CHICs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST):** CHICs will meet on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room. If you are interested in joining the group or have questions, contact Beth Lundy at [lundybb@comcast.net](mailto:lundybb@comcast.net) or (610)246-0029.

**AGE ALIVE: TOWN & GOWN:** The first session of Town and Gown will be on Tuesday, September 27 starting at 5pm in the Robertson Room. The speaker is David Firestein, inaugural president and CEO of the George H. W. Bush Foundation for U.S.-China Relations (Bush China Foundation). Firestein is a retired State Department officer and has served in the U.S. Embassies in Moscow and Beijing. He is fluent in both Russian and Chinese. The topic of his presentation is: “Taiwan and the U.S.-China Relationship: Hard Realities and Inconvenient Truths”. T&G will continue to be held one to two times each month.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DORCAS CIRCLE MEETING:** The Dorcas circle of the Women of Peoples Church will meet at 7 p.m. in the Robertson Room on Tuesday, September 20th. Refreshments will be provided.

**COMPANIONS IN CHRIST (9-WEEK COURSE):** Starting on the 21st, Companions in Christ with Pastor Devon will start up on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. If you would like to register and receive a copy of the book, *The Way of Grace*, contact Devon Herrell at [dherrel@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:dherrel@thepeopleschurch.com).

**KNITTING PEOPLE:** We will meet Thursday, September 22 from 1-3 p.m. in the Robertson Room to work on prayer shawls, mittens, hats, and baby blankets for our church family and local organizations. Please join us for a time of good fellowship and busy fingers! We have lots of yarn, needles and patterns to assist you in this ministry of generosity.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS:** If you are interested in becoming a member of The Peoples Church or simply want to know more about this remarkable community of faith, consider joining our next New Members Class on October 2 at 11:30 a.m. Please contact Robin Matheson at [matheso4@msu.edu](mailto:matheso4@msu.edu) or 517-290-3223 to register or get more information. Also, please let us know if you will need childcare.

**HAL LECTURE SERIES - JOHN PAVLOVITZ:** We are pleased to invite you to the sixth annual Henry and Annabel Larzelere Lecture Series on October 22 and 23, welcoming best-selling author and pastor, John Pavlovitz. John will preach at our Sunday morning worship service, and in the afternoon he will lead a lecture/discussion on Living a Life of Sustainable Compassion. The Library Committee will have Pavlovitz's latest book: *If God is Love, Don't Be a Jerk* available for purchase before and after the 10:30 service from September 18 to October 16 in anticipation of this event.

**CROP WALK:** The CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 9th starting at 2:00 p.m. at Grace UMC, 1800 Boston Blvd in Lansing. The walk is a 5K (3.2 miles), and people are welcome to run or walk. Wagons and strollers are okay, but bikes, scooters, and roller blades are not permitted. Below is the link to our church's team page. Please consider joining the team or making a donation.

**ADULT YOUTH GROUP (ACT YOUR AGE):** Do you think it's a bit unfair that all the church's youth get to have all the fun? Join Kathi Mitchell and Pastor Devon for our new Adult Youth Group for people aged 25-99. Called "Act Your aGe" (AYG), our inaugural event is Monday, 9/26, 6:00 p.m. We'll meet at Barrio for tacos and then go to Pinball Pete's for some old school fun. Please text Kathi Mitchell, 517-899-4646, to RSVP so she can get a big enough table at Barrio. Don't forget your lunch money & quarters!