

Sanctuary Service

October 8, 2023



“Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.”
Philippians 4:4

SERVICE INFORMATION

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

There is Sunday School after the Children's Moment.

Professional 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.

Please join us after the service in our front lobby for coffee hour and fellowship!

LISTENING DEVICES

We now offer listening devices that amplify sound from stage microphones, which are available upon request.

ASL INTERPRETED SERVICE

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome American Sign Language interpreters for our Sunday worship services

SENSORY TOOL KIT

A Sensory Tool Kit is reserved for individuals who get over-stimulated during church services and need something to help calm the nervous system. The kit can be borrowed at the Welcome desk.



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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.

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To join the online
livestream of the
worship service, you
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Please take this opportunity to fill out the black attendance pad found at the end of your pew.

Prelude

Fanfare in D Major
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Antonio Soler

Acolyte:
Madelyn

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Austin Scott

One: O give thanks to God, for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: We will praise the God of our salvation, for God has done wondrous things for us!

One: Let us marvel at the grace we have received. Let us praise the Lord and rejoice!

All: We give thanks to God, for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever!

***Gathering Hymn**

We Praise You, O God (v. 1-3)

no. 612

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been. When perils o'er take us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise. With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

We Praise You, O God
Text: Henry van Dyke, 1907
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
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Prayer of Confession

Penny Swartz, Pastor Emeritus

Gracious God, in our wanderings and selfish desires, we have forsaken fellowship with our families, our friends, and our neighbors. We have neglected our communion with you, choosing worldly pleasures and desires over truth, justice, and righteousness. In a world of plenty, we have hoarded our earthly blessings, rather than storing up our heavenly treasures. Free us from such bondage, that you may truly reveal the presence of Christ in our lives. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

There is Now a New Creation

no. 774

There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ, peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Anthem

Cantate Domino

Giuseppi Pitoni

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Latin: Cantate Domino, canticum novum, laus ejus in Ecclesia Sanctorum. Laetetur Israel in eo, qui fecit eum, et filii Sion, exultant in rege suo.

English: Sing to the Lord, sing a new song, praise him in the company of his saints. Let all Israel rejoice in him, in him who made all, the sons and daughters of Zion, be joyful and praise God on high.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

Sermon

“Put into Practice”

Kyle Dymond

Hymn of Response

We Give Thee but Thine Own (v. 1-4)

no. 708

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace: It is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be; what e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

We Give Thee but Thine Own

Text: William Walsham How, 1858

Music: Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850

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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Penny Swartz, Pastor Emeritus

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

O God, we stand before you as a people of faith, investing our lives and our treasures for the glory of your kingdom. Bless these gifts in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

Sending Hymn

A Grateful Heart (v. 1-3)

no. 652

A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering. Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.

Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the poor with gentle hands. Your word is true, your works are just; in you, O God, the faithful trust.

With saving love you set us free, and still you dwell in mystery with wisdom none can comprehend. Your praise, O God, will never end.

A Grateful Heart

Text: David Gambrell, 2009

Music: Edward Miller, 1790

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****Benediction***

Postlude

Let All Things Now Living
Judy Kabodian, Organist

arr. Dale Wood



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAY READERS: We are currently seeking lay readers for our 10:30 service. If you are interested in serving as a lay reader, please contact Beth Lundy by emailing Blundy@thepeopleschurch.com.

CROP HUNGER WALK: The Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk is **today, beginning at 2 p.m.** The CROP Hunger Walk raises funds to fight world hunger and 25% of what is raised is allocated locally. Local agencies such as the Greater Lansing Food Bank, Southside Kitchen, and several other organizations that serve the community benefit from the walk. The walk is a 5K (3.2 miles) and will start at Grace United Methodist Church on Boston Ave. Lansing, MI, rain or shine. For more information about the walk, see the informational display in Friendship Hall. You can sign up to walk or make a contribution to The Peoples Church walk team by visiting the following link online:

events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/the-peoples-church. Questions about the walk and The Peoples Church walk team can be emailed to Susan Kilmer, sdkilmer@aol.com.

NYAKA FUNDRAISER: Nyaka Global is back with its One-By-One fundraiser, *Soaring Above Adversity*. Celebrate with the friends and Ugandan staff of Nyaka **at Urban Beat in Old Town Lansing on Thursday, October 12 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** For more information contact: info@nyakaglobal.org, or call 877-466-9252.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

LECTIO DIVINA: On **Sunday, October 15 following the 10:30 a.m. service**, there is an opportunity to learn more about the Porch of Heaven (Lectio Divina) service offered Monday evenings at 6:15 p.m. in the Telder Room. The Lectio Divina leader, Tom Shaberg, will share more about this new opportunity at The Peoples Church.

CHORAL CONCERT: Choral Connection, a choral ensemble from Grand Rapids, will give a concert with the Pottsmen Quartet in our Sanctuary on **Sunday, October 22 at 3 p.m.** There will be a free-will offering for admission.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH: Ladies Lunch Bunch will be meeting again at **noon on Wednesday, October 25 at Coral Gables restaurant in East Lansing.** The restaurant will need a close headcount to secure a reservation, so please call (517) 349-1074 to let the lunch organizers know you would like to attend.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Trunk or Treat is coming up! Bring your young trick or treaters to our parking lot on **Saturday, October 28 from 6-7 p.m.** for costumes, treats, and fun! All are welcome! If you would like to volunteer your trunk or donate some treats to help with this event, please contact our Children's Ed. Director, Alexa, by emailing ahayes-murray@thepeopleschurch.com.

HENRY & ANNABEL LARZELERE MEMORIAL LECTURE: The Peoples Church is hosting Dr. Kristin Kobes Du Mez for our annual Henry & Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture on **Sunday, November 12 at 1 p.m.** The title of her lecture is 'Jesus & John Wayne and the Evangelical Reckoning.' Dr. Du Mez will give a brief presentation during our 10:30 a.m. sanctuary service, and there will be a luncheon following the service before her full lecture at 1 p.m. This free event is open to anyone who wants to attend, and all are welcome. Dr. Du Mez is a New York Times bestselling author and Professor of History and Gender Studies at Calvin University. She holds a PhD from the University of Notre Dame and her research focuses on the intersection of gender, religion, and politics. Her most recent book is 'Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation.' Our Fischbach Library is pleased to support the upcoming HAL Lecture by having 'Jesus and John Wayne' available for purchase every Sunday in October.

EDGEWOOD VILLAGE HOLIDAY FOOD PROGRAM: The holidays are approaching, which gives the members of the Peoples Church an opportunity to provide direct help to the residents of Edgewood Village. We need 20 volunteers to commit to buying a turkey and fresh fruit and vegetables for a family at Edgewood Village. The food needs to be delivered to Edgewood Village on Saturday, November 18 between 11 a.m. and noon. If you can help with this important ministry, contact Katie Slabaugh by emailing kslab@hotmail.com, or by calling (313) 410-1113 by Monday, October 30.

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, contact Pastor Haley by emailing hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com.

COLLEGE MINISTRY: **Sunday, October 15 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service**, college age folks are invited on a trip to Uncle John's Cider Mill! Lunch, treats, and transportation from the church will be provided. College students are welcome to meet **in the Campus Lounge on Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. service** for a free lunch! College students are also welcome **Thursdays at 5 p.m.** for dinner and an activity; each Thursday of the month there will be a different activity following dinner. For more information, contact Pastor Haley by emailing hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Pastor Shawnthea leads the in-person study group on **Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Robertson Room**, and the **Wednesday Zoom session from 9 to 10 a.m.** The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86068627263>. Pastor Haley leads a Bible Study at **9:30 a.m. on Sundays in the Robertson Room**. This week's passage is Philippians 4:1-9.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: PCYG is back to its regular Sunday meeting time at **6:30 p.m.!** Coppertones and youth choir rehearsals resume **tonight!** Coppertones rehearse at **5 p.m.**, and youth choir rehearses at **5:45 p.m.** To participate in one or both of these music groups, just show up to a rehearsal! The PCYG Fall Retreat to Upper Sandusky Ohio is coming up **October 27 – October 29!** To register for the retreat, contact our youth director, Elisha, by emailing esmith@thepeopleschurch.com.

PORCH OF HEAVEN: Porch of Heaven is a Lectio Divina service that takes place **Mondays at 6:15 p.m. in the Telder Room**. Lectio Divina is a long-practiced method of reading scripture that can inspire new insights into biblical texts. It involves silence, mindfulness, and sharing. If you are curious about this new worship opportunity, try visiting Porch of Heaven tomorrow evening, or contact Tom Schaberg by emailing taschaberg1@gmail.com for more information.

PUB THEOLOGY: Pub Theology is an opportunity to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world. Our next Pub Theology gathering is **Wednesday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m.** next door at Crunchy's. Everyone is welcome to join!

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**.

WEDNESDAY MEN'S GROUP: Join the men's Wednesday discussion group that meets **every Wednesday at noon in The Robertson Room** for good conversation and donuts. Currently the group is reading 'Saving Jesus From the Church' by Robin Meyers.

WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH: Our Wednesday Community Dinners are back! Join us **every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall!** At **6 p.m.** Pastor Shawnthea teaches dance aerobics in the gym, and Pastor Haley leads a discussion on faith and the news at **6:30 p.m.** All are welcome!