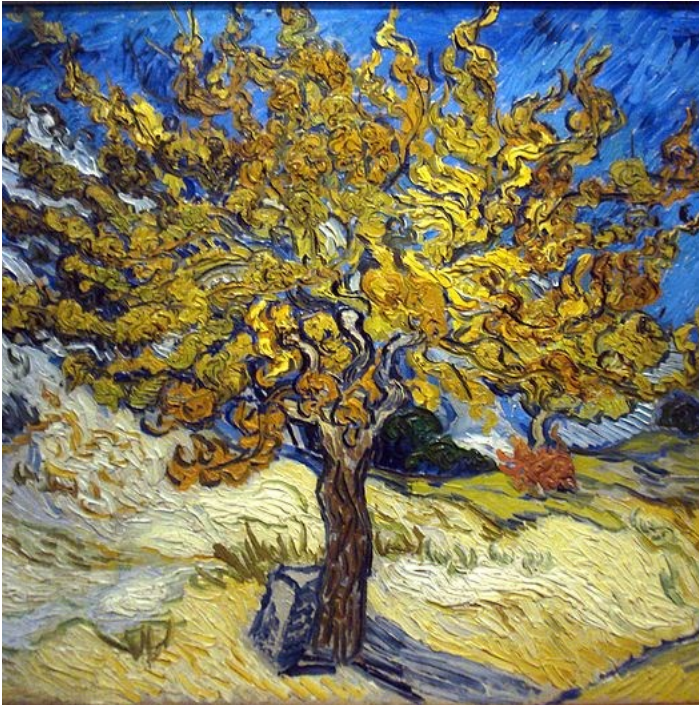


SUNDAY WORSHIP

OCTOBER 10, 2021



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. -
in the Sanctuary & Livestream
on YouTube

Nursery 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School follows the
Children's Moment

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Our community meal
outreach program continues.
Individually prepared meals
can be picked up between
5:00—6:00 p.m. in the
Northwest entrance of the
building. For more details,
check out [The Peoples
Church Facebook page](#).

ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud
to welcome ASL interpreters
for our 10:30 a.m. worship
service and for special
events.

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. Kari Naghtin, 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,
please dial
(844) 933-0517
and follow the prompts.

**MAKE A GIFT
ONLINE**

[CLICK HERE!](#)

Order of Service | October 10, 2021

Prelude

A Festive Intrada
Clarion Ringers, Directed by Elizabeth Reed

Cynthia Dobrinski

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, all who look for God with unseeing eyes.
Come, all who listen for God but hear nothing.

**All How long have we searched for God?
How long have we hungered for God's presence?**

One Jesus Christ shows us our true path.
Jesus Christ shows us our true obstacles.

**All We hide our thoughts and intentions from others,
Yet God sees us as we are – flaws and all.**

One Whatever burdens you carry, set them down.
Jesus calls you to follow him.

**All In this hour, let us set a new pattern for life.
In this hour, let us open our hearts and worship God!**

***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 (1800)
Music: Joseph Barnby (1868)
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Procession of the Light of Christ

Sam Calabrese, Acolyte

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, please hear this prayer. Many times we feel forsaken and afraid instead of supported and comforted. We cry out and hear no answer that we recognize. We suffer and find no relief. We are tempted to blame you for the silence but we know we are the ones who forgot how to listen. Filled with worry, we turn inward and seek whatever comforts may be found. Unwind our anxiety, O God, and touch our wounds with your healing Spirit. Have mercy on us and forgive all our sins for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Congregational Response***

no. 437

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

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

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Maeve Lena Spencer born May 15th, 2021

Elder: Do we, the members of the church of Jesus Christ present here at The Peoples Church, promise to be Maeve's family of faith, now and always, offering whatever she might need to better serve and follow her Lord and Savior? And do we promise to encourage her to walk humbly with her Lord all the days of her life?

Congregation: *By God's grace, we do.*

Elder: Brothers and sisters, we now celebrate the gift of grace in the Sacrament of Baptism.

Congregation: *There is one body and one spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us. There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God, creator of us all.*

Baptism

Congregation: *We thank you God for Maeve. Bless her and keep her, now and forever. Amen.*

Anthem

"O How Amiable"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be alway praising thee. The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handywork, O prosper thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Scripture

Mark 10:17-27

Sermon

"Where is Your Heart?"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

****Hymn of Response***

"Jesus Calls Us" (v. 1 - 4)

no. 720

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."

(hymn continued on next page)

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

Jesus Calls Us
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Music: William H Jude (1887)
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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

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***

A Rejoicing - *Clarion Ringers*

Emily Borling

****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***

Thank you, God, for the wealth you have entrusted to us. Bless this offering, a portion of what we have received from your hands. We dedicate these gifts as well as our time and attention to you and your reign among us. All this we do in Jesus' name. Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

"The Lord is God" (v. 1-3)

no. 63

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might, O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.

At night, or day, at home, away, together and apart, O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.

The Lord is God
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****Benediction***

Benediction Response

Postlude

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

Sigfried Karg-Elert

****Please stand as able***

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

SERMON PREVIEW GROUP: meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the meeting [here](#). Meeting ID: 883 8071 4830. You can also dial 1 929 205 6099 and when prompted enter 883 8071 4830. The text for **October 13th** is John 9: 1-12.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: We are reading the book, *No Innocent Bystanders: Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice*, by Dr. Shannon Craigo-Snell and Christopher J. Doucot. Co-author, Craigo-Snell, will be speaking at Peoples on October 17 as part of the Henry and Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture Series. **Mission Statement:** As men of faith, we read the Bible and other books, listening for God's voice and direction for our lives. We also listen to each other, looking to support and challenge each other's walk of faith. As we endeavor to do so, we find ways to put God's word into action in our lives and in God's wider kingdom on earth. If you are interested in participating in this group, we meet each Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP: Our group meets weekly on Wednesdays at noon in the Robertson room. We are presently discussing the book *The Tyranny of Merit* by Michael Sandel. Our discussion leader is Sandy Bryson.

CAMPUS MINISTRY: TODAY, October 10th, in place of Lunch and Lounge, we're heading to Uncle John's Cider Mill following worship, where we'll pick out pumpkins to carve on Tuesday—hope to see you there! **October 25th** we'll meet again for Pub Theology, location TBD.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: Beginning **TODAY, October 10th**, both Middle and High School youth group will be held on Sunday. The schedule is as follows: 5:30-6:30 p.m. MS youth group, 6:30-7 p.m. MS/HS dinner, 7-7:30 p.m. MS/HS youth choir, and 7:30-8:30 p.m. HS youth group. If you have any questions, please email Elisha Smith at esmith@thepeopleschurch.com.

TOWN & GOWN: Town & Gown meets weekly on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Participants may either attend in the Robertson Room or join by Zoom. To learn more about our weekly speaker, and to preview upcoming speakers, look [here](#). You can register to [attend via this link](#). Our next speaker, Dr. Mónica Ramírez-Montagut, Director of the MSU Broad Museum, is a devotee of museums. Her approach to art is known for being both publicly engaged and socially conscious. You are invited to attend Dr. Ramírez-Montagut's presentation on **October 12th** in the Robertson Room or online via Zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEOPLES FORUM

The next installment of Peoples Forum will take place on **October 17th**. Join us online or virtually, for John Patterson, VP Support Services for McLaren Hospital, and his presentation, "The Big, Beautiful New McLaren." Peoples Forum is held from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Robertson Room, and now virtually, Sundays before worship.

5TH ANNUAL HENRY & ANNABEL LARZELERE MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES

The 5th Annual HAL Lecture will be held on **October 17th**. This year, we are pleased to welcome Rev. Dr. Shannon Craigo-Snell, professor and author. Join us next Sunday for worship service with our guest, a luncheon following the service, and Dr. Craigo-Snell's presentation, ***Christianity, Racism and the Blessing of Faith***, from 1-3 p.m. This presentation offers a theological introduction to the topic of racism, through a Christian lens. With lots of room for questions, discussion, and new ideas, Rev. Dr. Craigo-Snell will engage what race and faith mean to The Peoples Church. This event will be held in-person and virtually. See the brochure included in this bulletin for more information about our speaker, the HAL Lecture series, and details for attending online.

THE READING PEOPLE

We will be meeting **October 21st** from 1:30-3 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Cheryl Leece will be leading us through *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah.

THE KNITTING PEOPLE

Join us **October 28th** from 1-3 p.m. We will be meeting in the Robertson Room to bless completed items and work on a variety of projects!

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

As we get back to the regular schedule, the church office is getting busy and we could use some help at the reception desk Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are able and interested in volunteering, primarily to answer the phone, please contact Beth Lundy at blundy@thepeopleschurch.com or ext. 4453 at the church office.

SAY CHEESE!

It's that time again! We are working on a new pictorial directory. During the first week of October, you should have received an email from Sign Up Genius to sign up for a photo appointment in November. Photos make great Christmas gifts! Appointments are available first come, first serve. If you did not receive an email, please call Beth Lundy at the church office, ext. 4453, to make an appointment.

HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR

TPC is looking for a part-time Hospitality Coordinator (20-24 hours), pay of \$16-18/hour depending on experience. The Hospitality Coordinator is responsible for all catering needs involving the use of the kitchen, and coordinating the shared use of the kitchen by approved church groups. Qualified candidates should send resumes to personnel@thepeopleschurch.com.

*The Peoples Church of East Lansing cordially invites you to the
Installation as Pastor for
Dr. Shawnthea Monroe*

*Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 1:00 pm.
The Peoples Church, 200 W. Grand River Avenue,
East Lansing, MI 48823*

*A reception will follow the service in the Robertson Room.
If the spirit moves you, **wear red!** It is the traditional
color to celebrate an ordination.*

*Please RSVP to Elizabeth in the church office
at eprice@thepeopleschurch.com by October 15th, 2021*



*Content for the November Portal is due **October 15th**. Please submit content to
eprice@thepeopleschurch.com.*