

Sanctuary Service

October 15, 2023

"Let love be genuine..."



Romans 12:9

*"Hold fast
to what is good..."*



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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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.

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
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The Peoples Church
of East Lansing
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Order of Service | October 15, 2023

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

Prelude

Fanfare and Festival Dance
Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

Richard Frey

Acolytes:
Henrik Hunter & MJ Schuette

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Crystal Branta

One: God has given us this day for praise!

All: Praise be to God for this most generous gift!

One: God has given his Son to us that we might learn the way of peace and mercy.

All: Let the words of Jesus enter our hearts and transform our lives!

One: Come, let us worship this great God of abundant mercy and love!

All: Let our songs, our words, and our thoughts reflect God's generosity and restoring love.

***Gathering Hymn**

From All That Dwell Below the Skies (v. 1-3)

no. 327

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong: Alleluia! Alleluia! In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies Lord; eternal truth attends thy word: Alleluia! Alleluia! Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Text: Stanzas 1 & 3, Isaac Watts (1719); stanza 2, A Pocket Hymn Book (1781)

Music: Geistliche Kirchengsang (1623); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906)

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Prayer of Confession

God of infinite mercy, forgive us for the many times in which we failed you by turning away from the needs of the voiceless, the hopeless, the helpless. We let ourselves get distracted by schedules and activities which drain us of energy and enthusiasm. Light a fire under us, O God, that we may again feel the exciting challenge of being your people. Heal our wounds of indifference and apathy; bring us together in harmony and joy to serve you and your creation with peace, justice, and hope. It is in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, that we offer this prayer. 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!**

Sacrament of Baptism

Carlie Jo and Atlan Jack Richards

Parents of Atlan: Carlie and John Richards

Pastor (To the Congregation):

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

Congregation: By God's grace, we do.

Pastor: 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 Response

We thank you God for Carlie! Bless her and keep her, now and forever. Amen.

We thank you God for Atlan! Bless him and keep him, now and forever. Amen.

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.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 5

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Sermon

"A Very Present Help"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

Take My Life (v. 1-4)

no. 697

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take My Life

Text: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

Music: H.A. Cesar Malan, 1827

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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

We give thanks for all we have received, O God: gifts of love and time, money and abilities. Into these plates and into this place, we return a portion of these gifts. Bless those who receive them, just as we are blessed in the act of sharing them. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn

The Lord is God (v. 1-4)

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

The Lord is God

Text: David Gambrell (2011)

Music: Carl Gotthelf Glaser (1828); arr. Lowell Mason (1839)

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****Benediction***

Postlude

Carillon Toccata
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Douglas E Wagner

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.

LECTIO DIVINA: This morning in **The Robertson Room, 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. 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.** The concert is free, but a freewill offering will be collected.

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: Young adults are welcome to join the Campus Ministry outing to Uncle John's Cider Mill **today after the 10:30 service!** See details below. On **Saturday, October 21** ACHE will be hosting a watch party at the Matthews' house for the Michigan vs. Michigan State football game. Kick-off is at **7:30 p.m.**, but feel free to arrive **any time after 6 p.m.** Email Rev. Haley at hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com for more details and to RSVP, and to keep up with other events and activities for young adults.

COLLEGE MINISTRY: **Today 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! Campus Ministry now meets **Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room** for a Bible study with Haley, **after the 10:30 a.m. service** for Lunch & lounge, and **twice a month** for activities and outings. 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 Matthew 22:15-22.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: PCYG meets tonight at **6:30 p.m.** Sunday Coppertones and youth choir rehearsals are back! Coppertones rehearse at **5 p.m.**, and youth choir rehearses at **5:45 p.m.** 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.** It involves reading scripture, silence, mindfulness and sharing. Visit Porch of Heaven tomorrow evening, or email Tom Schaberg at 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!