

# Sanctuary Service

## October 23, 2022



### Sunday Schedule

Chapel Service: 8:30 a.m.

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

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 and follow prompts.

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# Order of Service | October 23, 2022

## **Prelude**

Fugue in G Minor  
Judy Kabodian, organist

J.S. Bach

## **Acolytes**

Parker Wells & Gabe Eysselinck

*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: Hear this word, you people of God.  
This is God's house and you are welcome here.

**All: Many and diverse paths have led us here,  
But we all seek the presence of the living God.**

One: God is our rock, our refuge and our rest!  
God is an ever-present source of hope in times of trouble!

**All: We enter God's house as we are:  
Carrying our hopes, our fears, and our dreams.**

One: Open your mind to hear God's word.  
Open your heart to feel God's love.

**All: We praise God: Creator, Christ and Spirit!  
We praise God and rejoice in this day!**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

Come, Great God of All Ages (v. 1-3)

no. 309

*Come, great God of all the ages; make your earthly mission known; speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask; fit us for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.*

*Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, sure foundation, cornerstone; help us form the church eternal; may your vision be our own. Send a message to each follower; lead all people to your way; urge us to strong faith and action as we build the church today.*

*Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear your call; through the moving of your presence, let redeeming love recall ministry in dedication, love embodied in our deeds; challenge us to do your bidding, see your purpose, fill all needs.*

### *Prayer of Confession*

God of all creation, trusting in your mercy, we confess our sins. We long for peace in our hearts and in the world, but we are unwilling to do the work that peace requires. We hold grudges and settle scores. We prefer our own comfort over the well-being of others. We ignore the cries of the oppressed yet hang on the words of the rich and powerful. We waste time on meaningless activities and fail to recognize your grace in every day moments. In the midst of life's storms, we cry out in fear but not in faith. Forgive us, O God. Increase our faith and give us the strength to express Christ's love through our words and our deeds. We pray all this 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*

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian  
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed  
Christine Roberts, soloist

arr. David Lantz III

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Lord, in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, Lord, in my heart.

### *Scripture*

Mark 4:35-41 (NLT)

35 As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." 36 So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). 37 But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. 38 Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?" 39 When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. 40 Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" 41 The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"

**Hymn of Response**

Be Still, My Soul (v. 1-3)

no. 819

*Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.*

Be Still, My Soul

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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**



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**\*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**

**Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (v. 1, 3-5)

no. 543

*God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice; God, be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight, flashing of lightning, strength of wind, depth of sea to soil of planet: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way, and from beneath, above, and all ways: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me  
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**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

**Postlude**

Rejoice in the Lord

James Mansfield



***Floral Dedication***

Today's Floral arrangements are a gift from the Wright family to The Peoples Church.

***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!

**TAIZE SERVICE:** Our monthly Taizé Prayer Service will be held today at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel. The services consist of repetitive and meditative singing, prayer, scripture, and silence. It is a powerful, quiet, contemplative worship experience. This service is inter-denominational and all are welcome. We are also looking for someone to play the piano for these services. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Dymond at [dymondsn@gmail.com](mailto:dymondsn@gmail.com).

**CAMPUS MINISTRY:** Campus Ministry meets Sundays at 11:30 a.m. for Lunch & Lounge. Today, you are welcome to stay for the luncheon following the service.

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

**ACHE:** Adults Connecting and Having Events is a young adult group led by Elisha Smith.

**ENGAGING THE WORD:** Led by Pastor Shawnthea, this group meets in-person on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Robertson Room and Wednesdays on Zoom from 9 to 10 a.m. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81906921959>.

**WEDNESDAYS AT PEOPLES:** 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 Faith & the News bible study in the library. We hope you can join us for Wednesdays @ Peoples Church!

**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.

**CHICs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST):** CHICs meets 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.

**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. On November 6th, Brian Calley will speak on the topic: "Autism: Different, Not Less".

**DANCE 149:** The first rehearsal for Dance 149, liturgical dance led by Elisha Smith, will follow the 10:30 service next Sunday, October 30th. Children K-5th grade are welcome to join, regardless of prior dance experience.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**REBEKAH-HANNAH CIRCLE:** We will meet for lunch, conversation, and celebration at Coral Gables on Wednesday, October 26th at 12 p.m.

**KNITTING PEOPLE:** We will meet on Thursday, October 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Robertson Room. We meet to knit and crochet prayer shawls, baby blankets, hats and mittens, and other warm items to give to people in our church family and in our wider community. We have yarn, needles, patterns, and helpers if you need instruction and encouragement. Come!

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**TOWN & GOWN:** The next session of the Age Alive Town & Gown will take place at 5 p.m. in the Robertson Room on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The presenter is Dr. Eric Montgomery, sharing "Vodun in Southern Togo: Ritual Anthropology". Dr. Eric Montgomery is an assistant professor with the MSU Department of Anthropology, as well as an advisor for Peace and Justice studies and a part-time faculty member at Wayne State University. His research centers around the anthropology of religion, political economy, and globalization in Western Africa with a focus on the Ewe people of Ghana, Togo, and Benin. Dr. Montgomery will be talking about the West African Vodun, a topic on which he has co-directed and produced several films and published multiple books.

**TRUNK-OR-TREAT:** Children's Ministry is hosting a Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 30th from 6:00 -7p.m. Come decorate your car, have cider and donuts, and enjoy the enthusiasm of our children during the Halloween season!

**JOINING THE PEOPLES CHURCH:** Have you previously attended a New Members Class and recently decided you are ready to join the church? Perfect timing - our next New Member Induction is November 13<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. If interested, please contact Robin Matheson at 517-290-3223 or [matheso4@msu.edu](mailto:matheso4@msu.edu) by October 31<sup>st</sup> so we can prepare for your induction.

**FOGLIO SPEAKER SERIES ON SPIRITUALITY:** On November 2, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. (via Zoom), Professor Roger S. Gottlieb, the William B. Smith Dean's Professor of Philosophy at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, will offer the Second Annual Keynote Address for the Foglio Speaker Series on Spirituality. More information about Professor Gottlieb, the talk, and Zoom registration can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/gottlieb22>.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Please join us for a concert on November 5th at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The event will feature Nick Kreider, baritone; Katie Bethel, soprano; and Judy Kabodian, piano.

**ALL CHURCH GAME NIGHT:** Our first All Church Game Night in 3 years will be Saturday, November 5th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. We'll have pizza for dinner while we enjoy board games, euchre, etc. All ages welcome! We are especially looking for youth and older adults to play easier games with very young children, so their parents can play a different game. If you plan on attending, please register on Realm with the QR Code.



**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** At its October meeting, the Community Engagement Ministry chose to donate \$3,000 to the United Church of Christ's Hurricane Support (Fiona and Ian). If you are also interested in donating to this fund, you may send your check to *United Church of Christ, PO Box 71957, Cleveland, OH 44194*. Please add in the memo "Hurricane Fund 2022".