



PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13, 2014

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 expected and encouraged during worship.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. - Early Service
in the McCune Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Family Service
in the Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. - SoJo Community
in The Lounge

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

9:30 a.m. - Faith Formation
Programs for Children, Teens
and Adults

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE*

**Returns on April 23.*

5:30 p.m. - Community Meal
in Snider Social Hall

6:30 p.m. - Faith-based
Programs for All Ages

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

The Council meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

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OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Sunday mornings. Call 517.332.5073.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

MONDAY, APRIL 14

11:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible (CTR)

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

11:15 a.m. Preschool Creative Movement (G)
6:30 p.m. Dorcas Circle Potluck (RR)
6:30 p.m. CATA Rapid Transit Meeting (FH)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

8:00 a.m. Sermon Preview Bible Study (RR)

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

7:00 a.m. Men's Study Group (RR)
12:00 p.m. Men's Study Group (L)
1:30 p.m. Reading People (RR)
5:30 p.m. Seder Meal (SSH)
6:30 p.m. Klezmer Concert (SSH)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

6:30 p.m. Worship Service (S)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

7:00 a.m. Worship Service (C)
8:30 a.m. Worship Service (S)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (S)

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 21

CHURCH CLOSED

ROOM KEY: C = Chapel; CC=Children's Chapel
CTR = Centennial Room; CR = Choir Room; G = Gymnasium;
FH = Friendship Hall; L = Library; N = Newton; R = Rotunda;
RR = Robertson Room; S = Sanctuary; SSH = Snider Social Hall;
TL = The Lounge; YP = Youth Parlor

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
APRIL 13, 2014

Prelude "Hosanna" John Stanley

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Please pass the Friendship Roster located at the end of your pew.

Moment of Thanksgiving and Celebration Finance Ministry

Call to Worship

God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts.

From hope, to despair, to hope again.

As we begin the week, and join with the crowd

**help us cut through the noise to see what is happening,
to see what is at stake.**

As the story unfolds,

open us to both the hope and the pain.

In this time of worship,

prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait.

Let us worship our living God!

Palm Sunday Caitlyn Traviglia, *Dance 149* graduating 5th grader

Liturgical Reflection

(10:30 a.m.)

"We All Bow Down"

Lenny LeBlanc

Youth Choir directed by Elizabeth Reed.

Gathering Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

No. 196

Hosanna in the highest ...

Lenten Candle Lighting

Week Six: Faithfulness

We are nearing the end of our Lenten journey, and as disciples of our Lord we remember the events of long ago, when the twelve entered Jerusalem with Jesus, but deserted him a few days later. We remember that in our own lives, when things go well we often know God is with us, but when we are afraid, when we are at risk, we may abandon our faith. We light these candles as a symbol of our trust that God will always remain faithful, even when we lack faith.

Holy One, you have journeyed with us through the valley of the shadow, and will see us through to the other side. Help us to remain faithful to you, even in times of deepest doubt. Amen.

Congregational Response

No. 441

**Hear the good news of Salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ how much I love you! Jesus Christ you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

New Testament Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

(Pew Bible Page 988, Large Print Page 1,503)

Children's Moment (10:30 a.m.)

Rev. Drew Filkins

*Children are invited to gather in the McCune Chapel at this time.
They will return to the sanctuary during the Offertory.*

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-28

(Pew Bible Page 609, Large Print Page 898)

Sermon

"Save Us From What?"

Rev. Andrew Pomerville

Prayers of the People

(During the pastoral prayer there will be a time to offer prayers of joy and concern, voiced aloud or silently for and on behalf of others.)

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.

Celebration of Holy Communion (8:30 a.m.)

Celebration of Baptism (10:30 a.m.)

Aaron Kabodian, Elder

Michael Oliver Buttery

We believe the teachings of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and with the help of God, we will strive daily to live the life of purity, unselfishness and service which He exemplified to the world.

Passing the Peace of Christ *(Please stand if able.)*

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Offertory (8:30 a.m.)

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

Flor Peeters

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

“Hosanna to the Living Lord!”

Howard Helvey

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed.

Act of Praise *(Please stand if able.)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

God who gives to the world more than we can ever imagine, help us use these blessings to promote justice, peace, and hope. Make us instruments of your love, so that by following your risen son Jesus Christ, we will bear witness to the gospel of forgiveness in all places and in all times. Through our Savior we pray. Amen.

Sending Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

No. 197

Benediction *(Please stand if able.)*

Benediction Response

(Please stand if able.)

No. 228

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)

Postlude

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

arr. Janet Linker

PEOPLES NEWS

& Opportunities

CONNECT

TODAY: NEW MEMBER CLASS

Have you been thinking about formally joining The Peoples Church family? You are invited to come to our New Members Class following worship today. We will gather in the Robertson Room after the 10:30 a.m. service. We look forward to welcoming you!

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY IS MAY 18

Calling all members of the High School Class of 2014: The Peoples Church would like to celebrate your graduation with a breakfast for you and your family on May 18. The meal will be followed by special recognition during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Contact Betsy Aho if you would like to be part of the morning's celebration.

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Wednesday Night Live!

Our evening community meal & family programs
will return on April 23.

DORCAS CIRCLE

The Dorcas Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will host a potluck meal at 6:30 p.m. on April 15 in the Robertson Room. Bring a dish to pass and a "surprise to share" - something you would like to share about yourself, such as a hobby, experience or photograph. For more information, contact Dee Toth at 517.482.4414.

PHOEBE CIRCLE

The Phoebe Circle of the Women of Peoples Church will gather at 9 a.m. on April 23 at the home of Pat Brogan, 500 Wildwood Dr., in East Lansing.

PEOPLES 101

Do you want to know more about The Peoples Church? Join our informal Q & A session, Peoples 101, as it is offered on the first Sunday of each month following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The next Peoples 101 will be hosted May 4 in the Robertson Room.

'ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING': EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

One Great Hour of Sharing is our annual offering to assist communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict or severe economic hardship. Projects are underway in over 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. The collection takes place on Easter Sunday and will be equally divided among the outreach organizations of the four founding denominations of The Peoples Church. Thank you for your generosity.

GROW

READING PEOPLE

Join us at 1:30 p.m. on April 17 in the Robertson Room as we discuss this month's book "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes.

GREAT DECISIONS: ISRAEL AND THE U.S.

The Arab Spring, Iran's nuclear ambitions, failed peace talks, and Israel's own decision to give Washington the cold shoulder have put new strains on the 65-year-old "special relationship." Join us at 4:30 p.m. on April 22 in the Robertson Room as we welcome speaker Yael Aronoff, Sering Chair in Israel studies at MSU's James Madison College. For more information, contact Mary Anne at 517.214.1487 or Sandy at 517.351.5976.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

We will be on recess next Sunday as we celebrate Easter. The Peoples Forum will return on April 27 as we host Katherine Draper, Director of the Greater Lansing Housing Coalition, at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

SWEATY SHEEP

Pastor Andrew's walk/run group will return April 23 as part of *Wednesday Night Live!*



SERVE

THE KNITTING PEOPLE

Join us at 1:00 p.m. on April 24 in the Robertson Room as we create and bless prayer shawls, baby baptismal blankets, and baby hats together! Knitters of all skill levels are welcome.

PERSONAL NEEDS BANK

We continue to serve our community with our Personal Needs Bank. Donations of bar soap, deodorant, sanitary pads, tampons, diapers and wipes, disposable razors, shaving cream, dish soap, paper towels and facial tissues may be placed in collection baskets at the Welcome Center or in the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Betty Pond at 517.644.1064 or Mary Heiderson at 517.333.9396.

SHARE

SUPPORT VBS WITH COLORFUL RIBBON

Each week we will feature one item of need in the bulletin. This week's featured item are spools of colorful fabric ribbon in bulk. We also hope to collect 300 empty 2-liter pop bottles in time for our June summer camp. Donations can be dropped off at the church office. Questions? Contact Meaghan Gonzales.



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MUSIC SUNDAY | APRIL 27

10:30 a.m.



SIGN ME UP

Please return your completed form in the Sunday offering plate or to the church office.

USED BOOK SALE VOLUNTEERS

___ Yes, I (We) would like to offer our time to support the Library Committee's annual Used Book Sale.

- Friday, May 16 (Set Up)
- Saturday, May 17 (Sell)
- Sunday, May 18 (Sell/Tear Down)

Name (Please Print):

Phone (Please Print):

*Book Sale organizers will contact you to arrange shift times.
Questions? Contact Carol Jacob at 517.575.6297.*

EASTER FOOD BASKET DELIVERY

___ Yes, I (We) would like to help deliver Easter Food Baskets from 8 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, April 19.

Name (Please Print):

Address (Please Print):

Phone (Please Print):

E-mail (Please Print):
