



Good Friday

April 3, 2015 | 6:30 p.m.

The Peoples Church of East Lansing
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude “Sighing, Weeping, Sorrow, Need” from *Cantata No. 21* J.S. Bach

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Drew Filkins

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. *All are welcome in this place.*

Call to Worship

Leader: On this day we gather to remember Jesus our Savior,
who loved us and gave himself for us.

**People: Let us draw near in full assurance of God’s
endless love and mercy.**

Leader: We give our thanks and praise to Jesus Christ
who carries our sorrows,

People: heals our wounds and redeems us from sin and death.

Gathering Hymn “Were You There” No. 228
(Please stand if able.)

Prayer of Confession

Lord we denied you
Each time we refused to see you in the faces of the hungry and the homeless.
May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

Lord we betrayed you
Each time we have kept our distance
from the anguish of the oppressed and the persecuted.
May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

Lord we mocked you
Each time we pretended we do not know how radically you call us to live.
May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

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Lord we are lost and have strayed,
Welcome us into your forgiving arms and make us new.
May the old in us pass away and all things become new.

All merciful One, God of infinite love and compassion, though we have strayed, you have never abandoned us. In this season of repentance we come confessing our sins and reaching out for the healing power of your forgiveness. Through Christ our Lord, give us renewed and truthful hearts that will follow you in all of our ways.

Old Testament Reading Genesis 1:26-31
(Pew Bible Page 1, Large Print Page 2)

Anthem "Lonesome Valley" Jay Althouse
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

New Testament Reading John 19:1-7
(Pew Bible Page 881, Large Print Page 1,649)

Sermon "The Image of God" Rev. Drew Filkins

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.

Offertory "Ah, Holy Jesus" Helmut Walcha

Prayer of Dedication

God, thank you for being with us in this wondering moment where we stand poised between life and death, filled to the brim with sorrow, filled with thoughts of what has been and what lies before us. Thank you for the gift of life. Thank you for our friend Jesus who was a gift to the world, a gift in each of our lives. Comfort us even as we are shaken by the horror of these last hours. Be our friend in this time of sorrow, and sustain us in the days to come. Amen.

Sending Hymn
(Please stand if able.)

"They Crucified My Lord"

No. 219

Benediction *(Please stand if able.)*

Benediction Response *(Please stand if able.)*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

We were there.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

We were there.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

We were there.

Each time, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!

We are there. And the last word is love.

(Sung) **We were there when they crucified our Lord.**

Postlude

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

Johannes Brahms

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 5

7:00 a.m. Taize Sunrise Worship Service, McCune Chapel

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Main Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! & BEAUMONT BRASS QUINTET | APRIL 15

5:30 p.m. Community Meal, Snider Social Hall

6 & 6:30 p.m. Programs for Children, Teens and Adults

7:30 p.m. Beaumont Brass Concert, Free Admission, Main Sanctuary

SETH & MAY AND GIFTS OR CREATURES | APRIL 17

6:30 p.m. Shining Moments Reception, Snider Social Hall

8:00 p.m. Free Admission, Main Sanctuary

MUSIC SUNDAY | MAY 3

8:30 a.m. Worship Service, McCune Chapel

10:30 a.m. Worship Service featuring Sanctuary Choir and music from Gabriel Faure's "Requiem," Main Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Annual Talent Show & Luncheon, Snider Social Hall