

Sanctuary Service, February 11, 2024



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SERVICE INFORMATION

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

Sunday School will take place 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. John Lindley, 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!

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

Prelude

Panis Angelicus
Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

arr. Lorraine Hale

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship**

One The Spirit of God is present in this room,
For, where two or three are present, Jesus is there.

**All We are God's children, the living body of Christ.
May God open our eyes and reveal our purpose to us.**

One We seek the clarity and glory of the mountaintop.
May the Holy Spirit meet us in this hour.

**All With our singing and our silence, our prayers and petitions,
We celebrate and praise God's holy name!**

***Gathering**

Sing Glory to the Name of God (v. 1-4)

no. 10

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia! Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light. Alleluia, alleluia! The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is wild and free, whirl in holy mystery. Alleluia, alleluia! A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by the temple choir: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia! Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing Glory to the Name of God
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Prayer of Confession

Holy One, you told us Jesus was your beloved son, but we have not really believed in him. You told us to listen to his words, but we have ignored much of what he said. Jesus appeared in a vision of glory and light, but we still doubt his power. He poured himself out for us, but we offer him very little of ourselves. Forgive us for failing to listen to your voice. Forgive us for not following your son. Forgive us for offering you half measures when you have given us everything. This is our prayer. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

Lord Jesus, Think on Me (v. 1)

no. 417

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin. From earth-born passions set me free, and make me pure within.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Choir Anthem

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High arr. David N. Johnson
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed; Neil Mueller, trumpet

O Love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God should take our mortal form for mortals' sake. For us he rose from death again, for us he went on high to reign; for us he sent his Spirit here, to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer. All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad; the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore. Alleluia.

First Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 9:2-9

Hymn of Response

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain (v. 1-3, & 5)

no. 193

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John, we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun. There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw? Your divinity revealed there fills us with the selfsame awe. Clothed in flesh like ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.

What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard? Once again the voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word, "Listen, listen, everyone: this is my beloved Son."

We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord, cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard; say with Peter, James, and John: "You are God's beloved Son!"

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

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Music: Joachim Neander (1680); harm. The Chorale Book for England (1863)

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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

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski



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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**

God of Glory, bless these gifts and your people. May the money we offer to you become light, hope and healing for others. Let our lives be transformed by your love and our hearts be full of your light. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me (v. 1-3)

no. 703

Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare; O knit my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there! Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live; myself to thee entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone; O may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown! All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.

O Love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies; care, anguish, sorrow melt away where'er thy healing beams arise. O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but thee.

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me
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***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Postlude

Allegro
Judy Kabodian, Organist

G.F. Handel



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: If you are interested in joining The Peoples Church and would like to learn more about how to become a member and what being a member of the church entails, our next new members class will be **TODAY at 11:45 a.m.** New members classes are informational only, and do not obligate you to become a member. To RSVP for the class, please email our membership coordinator, Beth Lundy, by emailing Blundy@thepeopleschurch.com. Childcare is only available upon request.

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NEW ADULT CLASS: Join Rev. Dr. Monroe for a six-week course designed to reignite your love of scripture. The class will use Adam Hamilton's book *Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today* as its text, and will meet on Sunday mornings, 9:20 – 10:20 a.m. during Lent. Hamilton's book can be purchased on Amazon, at Schuler's, or at a bookseller near you.

SERVICE OF HOPE & HEALING: **This Tuesday, February 13 at 7 p.m.,** The Peoples Church will host a service of Hope & Healing in recognition of the first anniversary of the MSU shooting. This service of collective mourning and prayers of healing and remembrance is open to both members of the church and the wider community.

ASH WEDNESDAY: **This Wednesday, February 14** there will be opportunities to observe Ash Wednesday. **Beginning at noon,** those participating in traditional Ash Wednesday rituals can come to the church for the imposition of ashes in the chapel. Then **at 6:30 p.m.** there will be a prayerful and meditative Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary. All are welcome to participate in these rituals and services.

VALENTINE'S CARE PACKAGES: **This week,** TPC Children's Ministry is assembling Valentine's Day care packages to deliver to our elderly or homebound church members. Please consider helping with this project by providing treats and/or delivering care packages. To sign up, contact our Children's CE Director, Alexa, via email at ahayes-murray@thepeopleschurch.com, or by calling (616)-755-8874.

CARDBOARD PROPHETS FEBRUARY DONATIONS: In 2024, The Peoples Church will be collecting a specific item each month to donate to Cardboard prophets, a Lansing-based group that provides help to the homeless. We are not asking for new items, but items that are donated must be laundered and in good repair. If you have gently used and clean items, please place them in the blue plastic storage bin located near the church office on the east side of the sanctuary. **In February** we are collecting pillows.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH: Ladies Lunch Bunch will be meeting again at **noon on Wednesday, February 28** 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.

INVITATION TO FINE ARTS COMMITTEE: The Fine Arts Committee (FAC) plays a vital role in enhancing the spiritual and cultural life of our church community. FAC is seeking individuals with a passion for the arts, including visual arts, music, and other creative expressions. Whether you're an artist, musician, actor, or simply someone who appreciates the arts, you are welcome to contribute your talents and enthusiasm to the growing FAC committee. If interested in joining FAC, please contact the church office by emailing office@thepeopleschurch.com.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION: An informational presentation entitled "Adults on the Autism Spectrum" will be given on **Sunday, February 18 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.** in the Robertson Room. Please email Bob Steinkamp at bsteinkamp@hotmail.com to RSVP.

PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

ACHE: Adults Connecting & Having Events is a group for young adults that meets twice a month for events and outings. For more information about ACHE, email Pastor Haley at hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com, and follow “ACHE The Peoples Church” on Facebook and “ache_thepeopleschurch” on Instagram.

CHICs: ‘Connected Hearts In Christ’ (CHICs) is back! CHICs will meet in the Robertson Room on the **second Thursday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** CHICs is a women’s group that meets for devotionals, discussion, and fellowship. To learn more about CHICs, please email Traci Dudley at tracidudley@gmail.com, or Susan Godfrey at s.godfrey@sbcglobal.net.

COLLEGE MINISTRY: Campus/College Ministry is specifically for college age folks to meet and connect for fellowship and special events. Campus Ministry usually meets twice a month for events and outings. For more information, contact Pastor Haley by emailing hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com, and follow Peoples Church Campus Ministry on Facebook and Instagram.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Pastor Shawnthea leads a **Wednesday Zoom session from 9 to 10 a.m.** The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81926804577>. This week’s passage is Mark 1:9-15.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: PCYG will have music rehearsal **today after the 10:30 a.m. service**, and will be going out to lunch **at 1 p.m.** There will not be any evening gatherings tonight. For more information about PCYG, contact 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 tschaberg1@gmail.com for more information.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN’S GROUP: The Tuesday Men’s group meets at **7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.** The group is currently reading ‘Meeting Jesus for the First Time,’ by Marcus J. Borg.

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. The group is currently reading ‘The Christian Agnostic’ by Leslie D. Weatherhead.

WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH: This week we will have our Wednesday Community Dinner at 5:30 p.m., but dance aerobics and Bible study are cancelled due to the Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m.