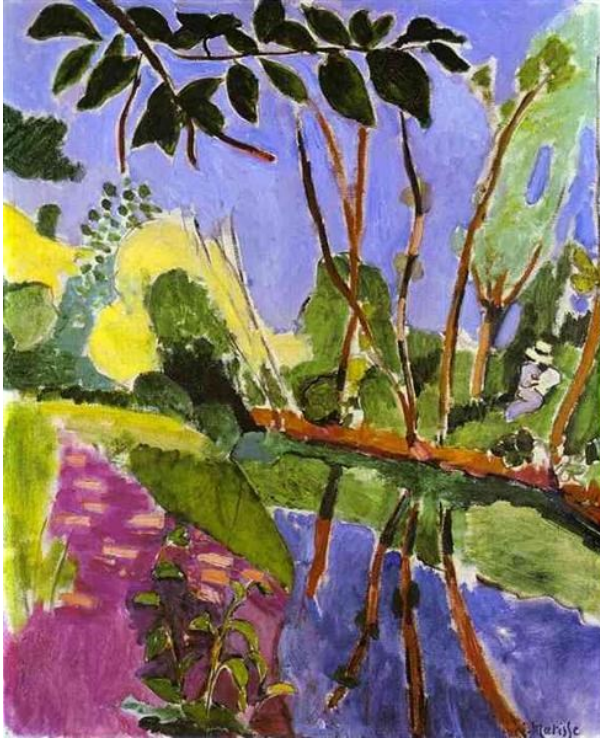


# Sanctuary Service

## February 12, 2023



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823

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### Sunday Schedule

Chapel Service: 8:30 a.m.

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

Sunday School is held 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 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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**Dr. Jonathan Reed, Director of Music**

**Rev. Penny Swartz, Minister Emeritus**

### 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, click [here!](#)

To join the worship service via telephone, dial (844) 933-0517 and follow prompts.

## MAKE A GIFT ONLINE

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# Order of Service | February 12, 2023

## **Prelude**

The Church's One Foundation  
Clarion Ringers, Directed by Elizabeth Reed

Arr. Betty Garee

*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**

Cal Kerr

One: Happy are those who seek God with their whole heart.  
Their eyes are fixed on the way of the Lord.

**All: Teach us your ways, O God.  
Make clear the path before us.**

One: Do not be distracted by the idols of this world.  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

**All: We enter into this sanctuary with open hearts and open minds.  
May the Holy Spirit guide us, strengthen us, and challenge us.**

One: Worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

**All: We sing praises to God our redeemer!**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

*Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show* (v. 1-3)

no. 33

*Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia! Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia! Angels round the throne above, Alleluia! All who see and share God's love. Alleluia!*

*Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia! Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia! Age to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia! Praise God's providence and grace! Alleluia!*

*Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia! In the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia! All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia! Singing praise for evermore, Alleluia!*

## *Prayer of Confession*

God of grace, we have entered your house as we are, broken and blessed. We confess we have stumbled and strayed from your path. We have not kept your commandments or loved you with our whole hearts. We do not like to admit our mistakes or name our sins, but we trust that you hear our confession and forgive us. Strengthen our faith and fill us with love. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## *Moment of Silent Reflection*

## *Assurance of Pardon*

### *\*Confession Response*

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (v. 3)

no. 93

**Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.  
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.**

## *Passing the Peace of Christ*

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

## *Carol Choir Anthem*

Leap of Faith

Carol Choir, Directed by Elizabeth Reed

There was a frog on a lily pad, feeling green and feeling bad. Wonderin' how to get on shore, wonderin' what would be in store. Took a gulp and closed his eyes, got himself ready for a big surprise. Folded his feet and lowered his head, and in his prayer this is what he said: **Refrain: "I'll take a leap of faith; I'll take a leap of faith. Yes, I will! I'll take a leap of faith, leap of faith, leap of faith, leap of faith."**

Away down yonder lived a kangaroo; never really knew what a roo should do. Everybody else was hoppin' around, there he sat with his bottom on the ground. Friends all said, "Just give it a try, worst that could happen is that you might fly." Folded his feet and lowered his head, and in his prayer this is what he said: **Refrain.**

A kid sitting' in on Sunday School; feelin' lost and feelin' blue. Thinkin' his life was a terrible mess, lookin' for the answer to happiness. God came along and took him by the hand. "All you gotta do is follow my command." Folded his hands and lowered his head, and in his prayer this is what he said: **Refrain.**

## *Children's Message*

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

## *Anthem*

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Mikhail Ippilitof-Ivanof

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathon Reed

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art thou, O Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord and forget not all his benefits: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness. He will not always be chiding, nor keepeth he his wrath, his wrath forever, his wrath forever. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. O blessed art thou, O Lord.

**First Scripture**

Psalm 119

Cal Kerr

**Second Scripture**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

**Sermon**

“Before You Go”

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

**Hymn of Response**

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord (v. 1-2, 4)

no. 707

*Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray; give us the mind of Christ each passing day; teach us to know the truth that sets us free; grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.*

*Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own; come thou within our souls and claim thy throne; help us to shed abroad thy deathless love; use us to make the earth like heaven above.*

*Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will; through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill. We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all; we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.*

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord  
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Music: Calvin Weiss Laufer (1918)  
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**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

**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**

Cal Kerr

**Offertory**

He Leadeth Me  
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***

Cal Kerr

**We dedicate these gifts to support the work of your church, O God. Bless this offering and our shared ministry. May our very lives shine with the light of your love so others might see your glory. Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**

Blest Be The Tie That Binds (v. 1-3, 5)

no. 306

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

*Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.*

*We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear. And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*

*From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.*

Blest Be the Tie That Binds  
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**\*Benediction & Grace**

**\*Benediction Response**

***Postlude***

Recessional on "Love Divine"  
Judy Kabodian, organist

arr. Gordon Young



***Floral Dedication***

**In celebration of Valentine's Day!**

## ***PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH***

**CAMPUS MINISTRY:** Campus Ministry will meet after church today in the Social Hall to enjoy the Chili Cook-Off.

**PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP:** PCYG will meet today in the Youth Den from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. for Coppertones and Youth Choir, and from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for a print-making class!

**TAIZE SERVICE:** The next Taize service is February 26th at 6:30 p.m. 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.

**ACHE:** Adults Connecting and Having Events is a young adult group that meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. To keep up with events, follow [ache\\_thepeopleschurch](#) on Instagram.

**PUB THEOLOGY:** We meet on the second Thursday each month, 6:30 p.m. at Crunchy's to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world.

**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/88178100531>. This week's scripture is Matthew 17: 1-9.

**WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH:** A community dinner is hosted 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 starting a **new book:** *Love Wins* by Rob Bell. We continue to meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.

**MEN'S WEDNESDAY NOON DISCUSSION GROUP:** Please join us in the Robertson Room for our discussion of John Pavlovitz's book "A Bigger Table".

**CHICs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST):** CHiCs (Connected Hearts in Christ) Women's Small Group is currently reading *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHILI COOK-OFF:** All are invited to the Empty Bowls Chili Cook-Off, in the Snider Social Hall, today **after 10:30 worship!**

**CHILDREN'S OUTREACH PROJECT - VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS & COOKIES!:** For the 3rd year in a row, we are hoping to surprise members of our congregation who are elderly or homebound with deliveries of homemade cards and treats. This is a wonderful way to teach our children about acts of service and warm the hearts of many. We will create cards and drawings during Sunday School, or your children can make their own at home. We just need all art by Monday, February 13th at noon so there is time to sort and create the goody boxes. **We are also in need of treats and delivery helpers!** If you would like to assist, please email Kathi Mitchell at [kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com).

**NEW MEMBER DINNER:** If you would like to learn more about becoming a member at The Peoples Church, please contact [office@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:office@thepeopleschurch.com) to RSVP for the New Member Dinner on February 23 at 6:30 p.m.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** On February 22nd, you are invited to begin the Lenten season at our 12 p.m. Chapel Service, or our 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Service.

**NOW HIRING:** The Peoples Church is looking for a Children's Education Director and a Communications Specialist. For more information, please visit <https://www.thepeopleschurch.com/employmentopportunities> .



**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS:** Cheryl Leece, our Edgewood Village volunteer coordinator, is requesting our help with driving a resident to the Haslett YMCA at 8:45 AM, and picking her up again at 10 AM to return to Edgewood Village. Volunteer forms and background checks would need to be done if you have not completed them already. Please email Cheryl at [leececm44@gmail.com](mailto:leececm44@gmail.com) if you are able to help. THANK YOU!

**LADIES LUNCH & LEARN:** The three active women's circles will come together on February 22nd at 12:30 in the Social Hall for a luncheon to discuss the future needs of the recently dissolved Women of Peoples Church oversight board. This event has a cost of \$10 per registrant, and is open to all. To register, please email the church office at [office@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:office@thepeopleschurch.com).