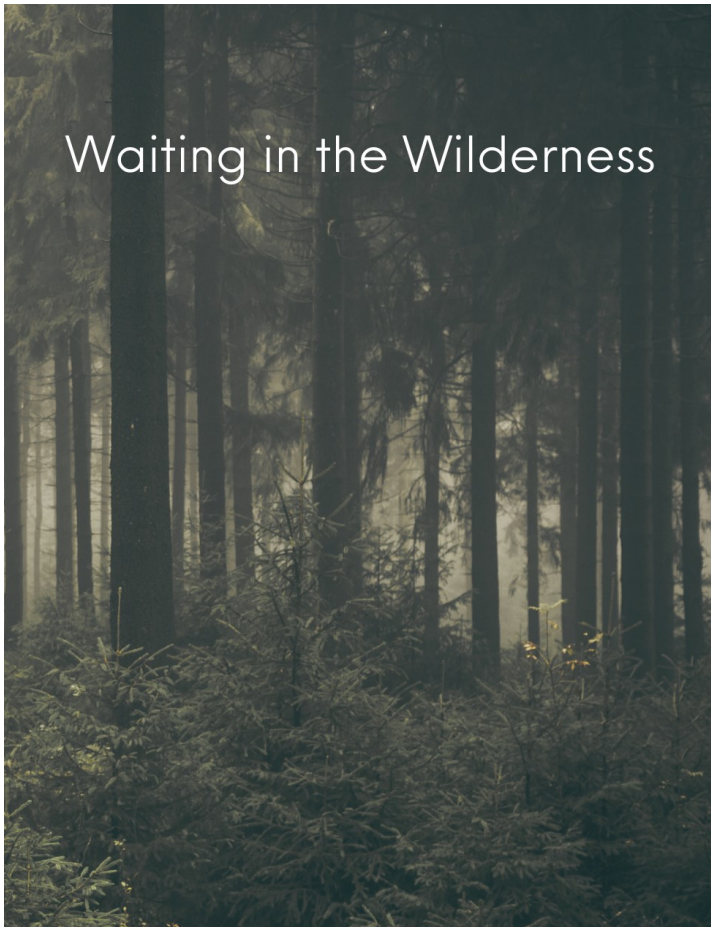


Sanctuary Service, February 18, 2024



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!

To join the online livestream of the worship service, you can find **The Peoples Church of East Lansing on YouTube!**

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

Prelude

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
Judy Kabodian, Organist

arr. Francis Jackson

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship**

One: We have started down a road that will lead us to the cross.

All: It is a journey we take together. It is a journey we make alone.

One: This is Lent. This is the wilderness to which God calls us.

All: The barrenness of Lent will give way to the fruitfulness of Easter.

One: In this season of penitence and pondering, let us gather before God.

All: We come, as a family, to wait for the Lord with strength and courage.

One: Come, let us worship God!

***Gathering Hymn**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (v. 1-3)

no. 65

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more. Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield. Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Text: William Williams (1762)

Music: John Hughes (1907)

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Prayer of Confession

God of infinite patience and love, we embark on this Lenten journey not sure if we want to make the spiritual trip. It is easy for us to get caught up in our own needs and our own anxieties. Remove us from our self-destructive journeys. Place us on your road of hope and salvation. Forgive our stubbornness and heal our souls. We ask this in Jesus' Name. 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

Like As the Hart

Herbert Howells

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Like as the hart desire to the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while daily they say unto me "Where, where is now thy God?" My tears have been my meat day and night. Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come before the presence, the presence of God?

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:9-15

Sermon

"Waiting in the Wilderness"

Rev. Haley Hansen

Hymn of Response

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (v. 1-3)

no. 775

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Text and Music: African American spiritual
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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**

Lord, from the abundance of your grace, you have provided all that we need. All that we have is yours. Receive the offering of our hands and the gratitude of our hearts. In the name of our Savior we pray. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (v. 1-4)

no. 166

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win, O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide, yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Text: Claudia F. I. Hernaman (1873)

Music: *Day's Psalter* (1562)

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***Benediction**

Postlude

Postludium

Gordon Young

Judy Kabodian, Organist



The floral arrangements this morning are dedicated in honor of Karen Wilkinson for her birthday and with thanks for all she does for her family, and in honor of Thelma Armstrong — former Sunday school teacher at West Highland Baptist Church — for her 100th birthday.



Be sure to stick around for the pancake breakfast following the service, served to us by the Boy Scouts!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT LENT CLASSES: 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. Rev. Hansen will also be leading labyrinth walks, meditations, and readings **on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.** in Snyder Social Hall during the season of Lent.

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

THE KNITTING PEOPLE: Knitters and crocheters are invited to join us in the Robertson Room on **Thursday, February 22, 1-3 p.m.** to work on socks, hats, mittens, baby blankets, and prayer shawls for people in our wider community. Please bring completed items for blessing. We have materials and patterns to share! Tea will be served. Email Mary Anne Larzelere at malarz@aol.com for more information.

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.

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 Romans 4:13-25.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: Today, PCYG will have D&D Club **2-5 p.m.**, Coppertones rehearsal **5:15-6:00 p.m.**, youth choir rehearsal **6-6:30 p.m.**, and regular Sunday evening gathering **6:30-8 p.m.** 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 Fischbach Library.** 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: Join us **every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** in Snider Social Hall for a community dinner! At **6 p.m.** Pastor Shawnthea teaches dance aerobics in the gym, and Pastor Haley is leading a book study on ‘*The Screwtape Letters*’ at **6:30 p.m.** All are welcome!