

Sanctuary Service, February 25, 2024



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.



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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

Saraband and Interlude
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Herbert Sumsion

Acolytes:

Kai Haskell and Izaak Biedenbender

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship**

Diane Shafer

One God invites us to walk in faithfulness.

God welcomes us into God's family through a new covenant.

All How wonderful it is to stand in the presence of the Creator!

We lift up our voices in songs of praise!

One God calls us by name and leads us in love.

Jesus leads us in the ways of faithfulness and fruitfulness.

All May God speak to us through word, song, and silence.

May God listen to the prayers of our hearts.

One Remember, it is not your own acts that bring you new life.

In Christ, we have been reconciled to God.

All We walk by faith and not by sight!

Bless and praise the Lord of all creation!

***Gathering Hymn**

The God of Abraham Praise (v. 1-4)

no. 49

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above, the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love! The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed, we bow before your holy name, forever blessed.

Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will. In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still. Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand, deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.

Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blessed, a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest. There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound, and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul; your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll. We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name: the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

God of Abraham Praise

Text: Moses Maimonides (12th cent.); vers. Daniel ben Judah Dayan (1404); stanzas 1, 3 trans. Thomas Olivers (1770)

Music: Jewish melody (17th cent.) adapt. Meyer Lyon and Thomas Olivers (1770)

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Prayer of Confession

God of our ancestors, we sit in your presence, confessing that we have set our minds on human things. We have sought to gain the world, chasing after fame, fortune and power. Yet we are not satisfied. The abundant life eludes us, no matter how much we have. In our hearts, we feel a persistent call to live a life of meaning. Forgive our sins and guide us towards the path that gives true joy and satisfaction. We pray 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

City Called Heaven

arr. Josephine Poelinitz

Sanctuary Choir directed by Ben Clements; Nick Kreider, soloist

I am a pilgrim, a pilgrim of sorrow. I'm left in this wide world, this wide world alone! Ain't got no hope, got no hope for tomorrow trying to make it, make heaven my home. I am a poor pilgrim, a poor pilgrim of sorrow. I'm left in this old wide world, this old wide world alone! Oh I ain't got no hope, got no hope for tomorrow. I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home. Sometimes I'm tossed and I'm driven, Lord. Sometimes I just don't know which way to turn. Oh I heard of a city, of a city called heaven. I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home.

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

Diane Shafer

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 4:13-25

Sermon

"Reckoning"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer (v. 1-5)

no. 439

O my soul, bless your Redeemer; all within me bless God's name; bless the Savior, and forget not all God's mercies to proclaim.

God forgives all your transgressions, all diseases gently heals; God redeems you from destruction, and with you so kindly deals.

Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin; like the pity of a father has the Lord's compassion been.

As it was without beginning, so it lasts without an end; to their children's children ever shall God's righteousness extend:

Unto such as keep God's cov'nant and are steadfast in God's way; unto those who still remember the commandments and obey.

Text: The Book of Psalms (1871)

Music: Witt's Psalmodia Sacra (1715); harm. William Henry Havergal (1847)

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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**

God of abundance, we offer these gifts as a sign of our growing faithfulness. May this time of offering draw us closer to you and give rise to greater generosity. Bless everyone who will benefit from this offering. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” (v. 1-5)

no. 804

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With voice as full and strong as ocean’s surging praise, send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Yes, on through life’s long path, still chanting as ye go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!
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Music: Arthur Henry Messiter (1883)
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***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

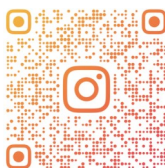
Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Jan Bender



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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. **There will NOT be a book study with Rev. Monroe on Sunday, March 3.**

VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY: Please join us for the next Voices of the Community presentation on **Sunday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Robertson Room. Dr. Henne Hoffman, professor of Endocrinology and Neurology, will be presenting on 'Conquering Sleep Disorders.'

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Lansing Grace United Methodist Church is looking for members from other churches to help pack rice meal kits for hunger relief with Midwest Mission! The event is on **Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m.** at Lansing Grace UMC (1900 Boston Blvd, Lansing). Call (517) 482-5750 for more information!

USHER ORIENTATION: All ushers and subs are invited to an orientation meeting on **Sunday, March 3** in the Robertson Room **immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service.**

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 1 Corinthians 1:18-25.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: There will be NO PCYG gathering this evening. 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.

PUB THEOLOGY: Pub Theology is a once a month gathering at Crunchy’s to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world. The next Pub Theology gathering will be **Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.**

TAIZE SERVICE: Our February Taize service is **tonight at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chapel. Taize services take place on **the fourth Sunday of every month**, and consist of repetitive and meditative singing, prayer, scripture, and silence. It is a powerful, quiet, contemplative worship experience. These services are inter-denominational and all are welcome.

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!