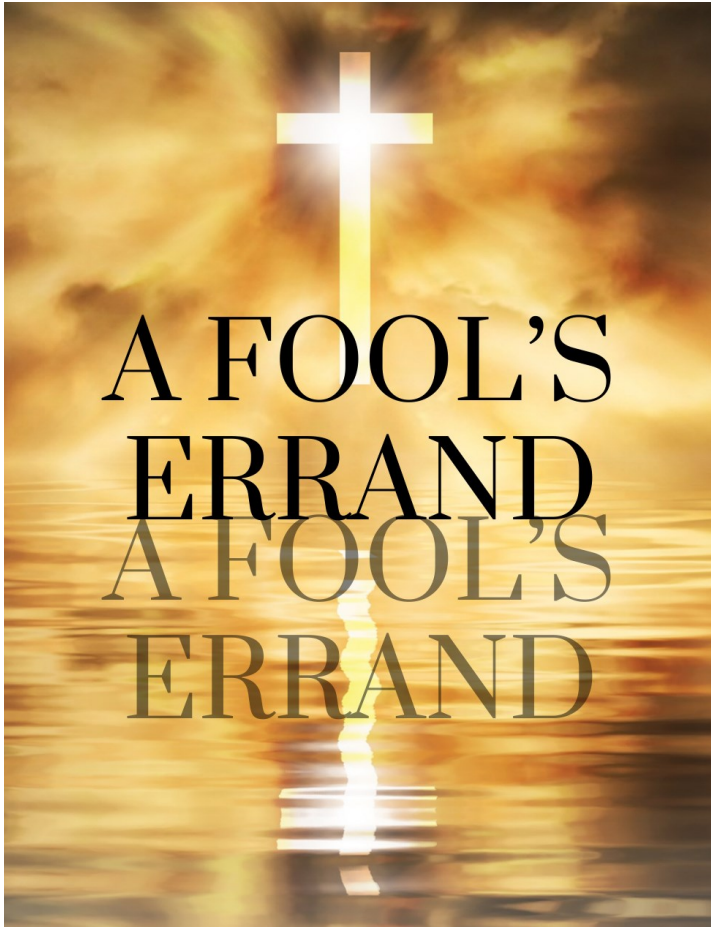


# Sanctuary Service, March 3, 2024



## 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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**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. 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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# Order of Service | March 3, 2024

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

## **Prelude**

Variations on "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Hal H. Hopson  
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Acolytes:

Theodore and Gabriel Eysselinck

## **Welcome**

Rev. Haley Hansen

## **\*Call to Worship**

One We trust in God's power,

**All Even as it is found in weakness.**

One We rely on God's wisdom,

**All Even as it is expressed in seeming foolishness.**

One We believe in God's wholeness,

**All Even as it comes to us amid brokenness.**

One: Let us worship our surprising God together!

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (v. 1-5)

no. 610

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of God's grace!*

*The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's  
ears, brings life, and health, and peace.*

*Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive; the mournful waken to  
rejoice; the poor in heart believe.*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.*

*To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the  
church in earth and heaven.*

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Text: Charles Wesley (1739)

Music: Carl Gotthelf Glaser (1828); arr. Lowell Mason (1839)

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## ***Prayer of Confession***

***With hearts of sorrow, we come before you, O God, to confess what you already know. Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will rather than your will for our lives. We have twisted your decrees to fit our interests rather than your own. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us from hidden faults, that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all our hearts may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. In Jesus' name we pray. 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***

Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor

arr. G.F. Handel

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor, Jesus, thou my friend most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of Life, my soul inspiring. At thy feet I cry, my Maker, let me be a fit partaker of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, thy glory given.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me gladly here obey thee. By thy love I am invited, be thy love with love requited; From this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure. Through the gifts Thou here dost give me, as thy guest in heav'n receive me.

### ***Scripture Reading***

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

### ***Sermon***

"A Fool's Errand"

Rev. Haley Hansen

## **Hymn of Response**

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom (v. 1-3)

no. 174

*Come and seek the ways of Wisdom, she who danced when earth was new. Follow closely what she teaches, for her words are right and true. Wisdom clears the path to justice, showing us what love must do.*

*Listen to the voice of Wisdom, crying in the marketplace. Hear the Word made flesh among us, full of glory, truth, and grace. When the word takes root and ripens, peace and righteousness embrace.*

*Sister Wisdom, come, assist us; nurture all who seek rebirth. Spirit guide and close companion, bring to light our sacred worth. Free us to become your people, holy friends of God and earth.*

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Text: Ruth Duck (1993)

Music: Donna Kasbohm (1995)

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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**



*To make a gift online, please scan this QR code.*

## **Offertory**

### **\*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**

**Gracious God, you call us to live in the spirit of generosity. Guide these gifts so they multiply and bring the reality of your love to those who need it most. Amen.**

## ***Service of Communion***

Rev. Haley Hansen

*Invitation*

*Prayer of Institution*

*Sharing of the Bread and Cup*

### ***Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving***

**Gracious God, at this table, we have received the signs of your love and your mercy.  
May our lives shine with the same love and mercy. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***\*Sending Hymn***                      God Be With You Till We Meet Again (v. 1-3)                      no. 542

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care  
enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you, daily manna still  
provide you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms  
around you: God be with you till we meet again.

God Be with You Til We Meet Agai

Text: Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880

Music: William G Tomer, 1880

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### ***\*Benediction***

#### ***\*Benediction Response***

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go  
now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do. Go  
now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God  
will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

### ***Postlude***

March (*from Occasional Oratorio*)

G.F. Handel

Judy Kabodian, Organist

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EASTER LILIES:** If you would like to make a lily dedication for Easter, please sign up for a lily order at the Welcome Desk, or email your order to [office@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:office@thepeopleschurch.com) by **March 20**. Please include your name, and who your gift is in memory, celebration, or honor of. Lily orders are \$20. Checks should be made payable to The Peoples Church with 'Easter Lilies' indicated in the memo line. Lilies will be displayed during worship on **Easter** and can be picked up following the **10:30 a.m.** Easter service.

**EASTER SERVICE TIMES:** There will be two Easter service times **March 31, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., both will be held in the Sanctuary.**

**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.

**MARCH IS READING MONTH:** March is Reading Month and the Library Committee has teamed up with Children's Christian Education to celebrate. Reba, the Therapy Dog who likes to listen to people read, will be visiting classrooms today. Children will be given bookmarks to keep track of how much they read in March. Please stop by the Friendship Hall as the Library Committee will be giving each child a new book and bookmark to get started reading.

**TPC Talk N' Tour:** The TPC Talk N' Tour (TNT) will take place **today after the 10:30 a.m. service.** Please meet in the Sanctuary to learn more about this beautiful church.

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

**CARDBOARD PROPHETS MARCH 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 March** we are collecting duffle bags, backpacks and suitcases.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:tracidudley@gmail.com), or Susan Godfrey at [s.godfrey@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto:hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com)., and follow Peoples Church Campus Ministry on Facebook and Instagram.

**ENGAGING THE WORD:** There will **NOT** be a zoom bible study with Pastor Shawnthea this week, This week’s passage is John 3:14-21.

**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.**

**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](mailto: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 March Taize service is **March 24 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. All are welcome.

**TUESDAY MORNING MEN’S GROUP:** The Tuesday Men’s Group is starting a new book, “Short Stories by Jesus—The Enigmatic Parables of Controversial Rabbi” by Amy Jill-Levine. They will begin reading and discussing this book **Tuesday, March 5th in the Robertson Room at 7:30 a.m.** Coffee will be provided.

**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! Dance aerobics will be held in the gym and Pastor Haley will be hosting her Bible study at **6:30 p.m.** this week.