

Sanctuary Service

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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Sunday Schedule

Chapel Service: 8:30 a.m.

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

No Sunday School this morning.

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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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.

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Order of Service | April 2, 2023

Prelude

Passacaglia
Judy Kabodian, Organist
Acolytes: Miles and Malcom Calabrese

Bryan Kelly

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**

One Sing for joy! The Lord is coming!
Shout hosanna and sing!

All Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

One Join the crowd and welcome Jesus!
Praise God, for the Lord is coming!

All All creation joins in praise! Give thanks and praise to Jesus!

One Let every knee bow and every tongue confess.
Jesus is the Christ, God's chosen one.

**All We will sing hosanna and praise the Lord!
For God is good and God's mercy endures forever!**

***Gathering Hymn**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (v. 1-4)

no. 196

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. Refrain.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. Refrain.

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. Refrain.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! Refrain.

Prayer of Confession

God of steadfast love, you know us too well. You know how we love to serve you in the sunshine of success and popularity. You know how we shrink away when you ask us to walk through the storms of sacrifice and suffering. Like the crowds in Jerusalem, we deny and desert you at the first sign of trouble. Forgive our unfaithfulness, and teach us how to walk with you in steady obedience. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response*** Restore in Us, O God (v. 1) no. 434
**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Message

Anthem God's Holy Lamb Mark Hayes
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathon Reed

Sing praises to God's Holy Lamb, riding into town. Lift your adoration song! Join the glorious sound! Children in procession shout, "Hosanna to the King!" Sing praises to God's Holy Lamb, let earth and heaven ring! See the heavens open up to hear the purest praise. See the palms wave cheerfully as garments pave the way. Never have these streets rejoiced as now to see the King. Every heart and every voice joining now to sing. Sing praises to God's Holy Lamb, riding into town. Lift your adoration song! Join the glorious sound! Children in procession shout, "Hosanna to the King!" Sing praises to God's Holy Lamb, let earth and heaven ring! Alleluia! Blessed is the Lamb. Alleluia! He is the great I AM! Sing praises to God's Holy Lamb, riding into town. Lift your adoration song! Join the glorious sound! Children in procession shout, "Hosanna to the King!" Sing praises to God's Holy Lamb, let earth and heaven ring! Let earth and heaven ring!

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon "Here He Comes Again" Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore. Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forever more.

Refrain: By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

*Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light. **Refrain.***

*Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here. Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!" **Refrain.***

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr. (2005)

Music: The Sacred Harp, (1844); harm. James H. Wood (1958)

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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



To make a gift online, please scan the QR code.

****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, we cannot thank you enough for all the blessings we have received. For grace, for faith, for healing and for hope, we give you thanks and praise. Bless these gifts and the ministry of this church so we might spread the Gospel far and wide. We give and live in Christ's name. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy One, we have shared the bread and wine as Jesus taught. May the Spirit be with us as we go into the world, praising Jesus and doing your work. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! (v. 1-4)

no. 198

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry; thy humble beast pursues its road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The hosts of angels in the sky look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mortal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!
Text: Henry Hart Milman (1827)
Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1826)
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***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

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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

Hosannah
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Theodore Dubois

PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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 us on Instagram: [ache_thepeopleschurch](#). Join us 4/6 at Ozone's for dinner and card games, and **Friday, 4/21** for a potluck and game night to welcome Haley Hansen!

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 or (610)246-0029.

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 28:1-10.

MEN'S WEDNESDAY NOON DISCUSSION GROUP: Please join us in the Robertson Room for our discussion of "The Sin of Certainty" by Peter Enns.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: Coppertones/Youth Choir 5:15-6:30 p.m. *and* PCYG gathering 6:30-8:00 p.m. this evening. Come to the PCYG annual cake auction on April 16 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to support our mission trip to Chicago this fall! This will be silent auction style! Stop by before or after service! **CAKES NEEDED!** Please email esmith@thepeopleschurch.com if you'd like to bake a cake!

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. Join us April 13th!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There will not be Sunday School April 9.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday Morning Men's Group will begin a new book on Tuesday, April 4 titled 'Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents' by Isabel Wilkerson. We continue to meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.

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!

VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY: Voices of the Community will meet on Sunday, April 2 at 9:30 a.m. in The Robertson Room. The presenter will be Dr. Mitch Rinek, a retired dermatologist and member of The Peoples Church. His topic will be: 'Oh, my; What is that Spot on my Skin?' Identification and Treatment of Skin Lesions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Holy week is upon us! There will be a Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 p.m. The Peoples Church will **NOT** be hosting a Good Friday service. Easter Sunday there will be two identical morning services; only the second service will be livestreamed with sign language interpreters.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: It's time to register for VBS! This year our Vacation Bible School will be at the church, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., June 19-23. We are planning a super fun week with half day VBS, half day summer camp. Our campers will enjoy a trip to the zoo, a visit from the naturalist, a Grand Finale production, and more! As always, we can't do VBS without your help! We need adult volunteers to be field trip chaperones and station leaders (science, crafts, mission, games) and teenagers to be crew leaders. Please contact Kathi Mitchell by emailing vbs@thepeopleschurch.com for more information. Scan the QR code to register your children.



NEW MEMBER BUILDING TOUR: Our beautiful, historic church has lots of nooks and crannies. If you are a new member and would like to know your way around the church, please gather at the front of the sanctuary after the service this morning for an informative building tour.



COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

Join us for Coffee and Conversation in **Friendship Hall** following the service! We hope you will join us!

Easter Lily Memorial Gifts

Please return forms to the church office no later than **April 3, 2023!**

_____ **I would like to honor a loved one with an Easter Lily.** (A suggested donation of \$20 is appreciated. Please make check payable to The Peoples Church and indicate "Easter Lilies" in the memo line.)

Please accept my gift:

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_____ **In Celebration of**

_____ **To The Glory of God**

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