

# Sanctuary Service, April 7, 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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**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 | April 7, 2024

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

## **Prelude**

“The Strife Is O’er”  
Judy Kabodian, Organist  
Acolytes:  
Gabriel and Theodore Eysselinck

arr. Janet Linker

## **Welcome**

Rev. Haley Hansen

## **\*Call to Worship**

One Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

One We have not seen the risen Christ,

**All But we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.**

One We have not seen Jesus’ face,

**All But we have seen him in the faces of those whose love encourages us.**

One We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

**All But we have been called to proclaim healing to a scarred world.**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” (v. 1-4)

no. 268

*Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heavenly anthem  
drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him  
as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in  
beauty glorified: no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning  
eye at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may  
cease, absorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.*

*Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time; creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably  
sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.*

***Prayer of Confession***

***Almighty God, we confess that we can be reluctant to believe in your presence and power. Our reliance on our own faculties, reasoning, and opinions limits our ability to bear witness to your movement in our midst. We are people who need to see to believe. We want proof and evidence when we are called to faith. Forgive us God, speak hope into our lives and help us to truly believe. Amen.***

***Moment of Silent Reflection***

***Assurance of Pardon***

***\*Confession Response***

***“Thine Is The Glory”***

***Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;***

***Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.***

***Passing the Peace of Christ***

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

***Children’s Moment***

***Choir Anthem***

***“Sing Praise to Christ”***

**J.S. Bach**

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Sing praise to Christ, the Lord, sing praise to Christ, sing praises. Sing praise to Christ, the Lord, Alleluia! Sing praise to Christ, our risen Savior, our Savior and King! Adore him forever, adore him forever, and worship his name. Adore him forever, and worship his name.

***Scripture Reading***

John 20:19-31

***Sermon***

***“Scar Stories”***

**Rev. Haley Hansen**



*We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”*

*We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice and cry, “My Lord and God!”*

*Help then O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.*

*And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.*

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight  
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Music: Samuel McFarland (1814); harm. Richard Proulx (1986)  
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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***

***\*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***

**Giver of all things, we have evidence of the miracles that can occur when we give generously of our time, talents, and treasures. Challenge us to give without hesitation. In your abundance, bless this offering, that through the work of this church, it too may touch and transform lives by your love. Amen.**



## ***Service of Communion***

*Invitation*

*Prayer of Institution*

*Sharing of the Bread and Cup*

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

**Holy God, we thank you for revealing your love to us in bread and juice. We recognize your presence in us and all around us. Make us your people and use us to reveal the inbreaking of your kingdom here and now. Amen.**

### ***\*Sending Hymn***

“Christ is Alive” (v. 1, 2, 4, & 5)

no. 246

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Christ is Alive  
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### ***\*Benediction***

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

### ***Postlude***

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

John Leavitt

Judy Kabodian, Organist



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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. The tour will take about 45 minutes.

**TOWN AND GOWN:** Town and Gown will be held **this Tuesday, April 9, in the Robertson Room from 5-6:30 p.m.** Scott Counts, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Translational Neuroscience, will be discussing "The Latest in Dementia Research".

**PCYG CAKE AUCTION:** PCYG's annual cake auction is coming up next Sunday, **April 14**, and we need YOU! Whether you're a baker or just someone who loves to eat sweet treats, there's a place for you at the cake auction. This year we will have a cupcake walk (bring your dollar bills!), a silent auction, and a live auction of just a few items. The cake auction will begin **right after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Robertson Room, and will wrap up at 12:15 p.m.** If you're willing to bake (coffee cake, pie, brownies, or any sweet treat!), please email Elisha Smith at [esmith@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:esmith@thepeopleschurch.com) to reserve a spot!

**THE READING PEOPLE:** The Reading People will meet **in the Robertson Room, April 18, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.** to discuss *A Rip in Heaven*, by Jeanine Cummins, with our discussion led by Margie Steinkamp. We welcome you to come at 1 p.m. with your sack lunch for a time of conversation and fellowship before our discussion. All are welcome!

**KID PROM:** Dress your best and join us for our first ever Kid Prom on **April 20 from 6-7:30 in the Snider Social Hall**. We will have dancing, refreshments, and lots of fun! Registration is required:

<https://tinyurl.com/KidProm2024TPC>. If you'd like to volunteer to help with the event, contact Alexa at [ahayes-murray@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:ahayes-murray@thepeopleschurch.com).

**VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY:** On **April 21 in the Robertson Room**, Erik Petrovskis from Meijer Corporation will share with us what Meijer is doing to sustain the environment. He will be presenting "Enriching Lives in the Communities We Serve—Sustainability at Meijer."

**SOUPER SUNDAY:** Mark your calendars for SOUPER-Sunday. Plan to stay after church on **April 21** for soup, salad, bread and dessert. Come one, come all and enjoy good food, some great photos and other artifacts from the Church archives. Most of all come to enjoy the wonderful fellowship. Suggested cost is \$5 per person. NO reservations required. See you there!

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH:** Ladies Lunch Bunch will be meeting at **noon on April 25**, 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 RSVP.

**BOOKS, JEWELRY & MORE SALE:** Our big "Used Books, Jewelry & More Sale!" is just a month away and scheduled for **May 18-19th in Snider Social Hall**. We are still accepting donations and need a few more volunteers to help work the sale. If you love thrifting or enjoy picking, you'll love browsing our sale while also helping others shop! Shifts can be 2-4 hours long or you can stay all day! Please email Jessica Eysselinck with your day/time requests at [jess@eysselinck.com](mailto:jess@eysselinck.com)

**CARDBOARD PROPHETS APRIL 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 April**, we are collecting men's and women's shorts, shirts and belts.

## ***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. Our next outing will be **April 12**.

**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 the in-person book study group on **Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Robertson Room**, and the Wednesday Bible study over Zoom from 9 to 10 a.m. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81926804577>.

**PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP:** Today, PCYG will have Coppertones from **5:15-6 p.m.** and Youth Choir from **6-6:30 p.m.** There will not be a regular Sunday evening gathering today.

**PORCH OF HEAVEN:** Porch of Heaven is a Lectio Divina service that takes place **Mondays at 6:15 p.m.** in the Telder Room. Lectio Divina is a long-practiced method of reading scripture that can inspire new insights into biblical texts. It involves silence, mindfulness, and sharing. If you are curious about this new worship opportunity, try visiting Porch of Heaven, or contact Tom Schaberg by emailing [taschaberg1@gmail.com](mailto:taschaberg1@gmail.com) for more information.

**PUB THEOLOGY:** Pub Theology is a once a month gathering at HopCat to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world. The next Pub Theology gathering will be **Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m.**

**TAIZE SERVICE:** Our next Taize service is **April 28 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 will discuss the book, “Short Stories by Jesus—The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi” by Amy Jill-Levine, **Tuesday in the Robertson Room at 7:30 a.m.**

**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 at **6 p.m.** and Pastor Haley will be hosting her Bible study at **6:30 p.m.** this week.