

# Sanctuary Service, April 21, 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

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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).

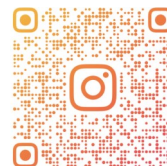
## ALL ARE WELCOME!

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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# Order of Service | April 21, 2024

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

## **Prelude**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

arr. David N. Johnson

Judy Kabodian, Organist

## **Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

## **\*Call to Worship**

Kristi Lewis

One The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
And the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.

**All Day to day pours forth speech,  
And night to night declares knowledge.**

One There is no speech, nor are there words;  
Their voice is not heard.

**All Yet their voice goes through all the earth,  
And their words to the end of the world.**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name” (v. 1-4)

no. 4

*Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you. All on earth your scepter claim;  
all in heaven above adore you. Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.*

*Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim in  
unceasing chorus praising, fill the heavens with sweet accord: “Holy, holy, holy Lord!”*

*All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain,  
and the blessed martyrs follow, and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes  
on.*

*Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you, while in essence only one; undivided  
God we claim you, and adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.*

Holy God, We Praise Your Name  
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### ***Prayer of Confession***

**God of Endless Mercy, we have often been swallowed up by our greed and selfishness, hungering for more and filling our lives with empty things. We have often been swept away by floods of our own making and we have polluted your creation in the process. We have neglected the earth and fallen short as stewards. Lord have mercy, for we have sinned and fallen short of your glory. Forgive all our sins and give us the courage to choose a path that brings healing to all the earth. 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!**

### ***Choir Anthem***

**“The Lord Is My Strength and My Song”**

**Hal. H. Hopson**

**Carol Choir directed by Elizabeth Reed**

**The Lord is my strength and my song. Alleluia, Alleluia. Sing with Moses and the people. Alleluia, Alleluia. O give thanks to the Lord, and praise His name forever. The Lord is my strength and my song. Alleluia, Alleluia. For great is the Lord, our God. Alleluia, Alleluia. Sing with David and the people. Alleluia, Alleluia. O give thanks to the Lord, and praise His name forever. For great is the Lord, our God. Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

### ***Children’s Moment***



## **Choir Anthem**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, he made their glowing colours, he made their tiny wings. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky, the cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

## **First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 23

Kristi Lewis

## **Second Scripture Reading**

John 10:11-18

## **Sermon**

“Playing by the Rules”

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

## **Hymn of Response**

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” (v. 1-3)

no. 803

*My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay; one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away. Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.*

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need  
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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**

**Thank you, God, for the gifts of creation which have blessed our lives abundantly.  
Help us to be good stewards, not just of our resources but of the natural world. May  
the ministry of this church build a future for all your children. Amen.**

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

**“Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples” (v. 1-4)**

**no. 757**

*Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord, to help to set the captive free, make  
plowshare out of the sword, to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our  
fast, to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.*

*God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race to live as stewards of the earth,  
responding to God’s grace. But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our  
discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.*

*Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream, with righteousness in field and town  
to cleanse us and redeem. For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease, a world  
that was created for a harmony of peace.*

*May we in service to our God act out the living word, and walk the road the saints have trod till  
all have seen and heard. As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord to God  
who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.*

Today We Are Called to Be Disciples  
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#### **\*Benediction**

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

### **Postlude**

**“All Things Bright and Beautiful”**

**arr. Gordon Young**

**Judy Kabodian, Organist**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SOUPER SUNDAY:** Today is **SOUPER-Sunday**. Plan to stay **after church** 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 24**, 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.

**FAITH CLIMATE ACTION WEEK TREE PLANTING:** As part of Faith Climate Action Week, The Peoples Church (through Earth Stewardship Ministry and ACHE) has committed with others in the community to plant at least 100 trees on **Saturday, April 27**, at the **Fenner Nature Preschool at 1526 Mt. Hope Road**. Volunteers can sign up for one or both planting shifts from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (rain or shine). There is a signup sheet on the Welcome Desk. Contact Marc Lyon (mblyon1@gmail.com) or Rev. Haley Hansen (hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com) for more information.

**EARTH STEWARDSHIP SPONSORS SPECIAL CLIMATE CONVERSATION:** Two statewide climate leaders, Amy Rogghe, the Executive Director of Michigan Electric Vehicle Alliance and Rob Rafson, president of Solar Faithful, will lead conversations on several important environmental topics in the **Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 28**. This will close out our Faith Climate Action Week at The Peoples Church.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP:** The spring clean-up will occur on **Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Cleaning, this spring, will focus on window wells and landscape debris. Please bring your own rake or broom, as there will be limited supplies available. Rubbish bags will be provided. Contact Zack Matthews at zmatthews@thepeopleschurch.com for more information.

**NEW MEMBER INTEREST CLASS:** If you are interested in learning more about The Peoples Church and the membership process, please attend our New Member Interest Class on **May 5th following the 10:30 a.m. service in the Centennial Room** (in the basement just inside the Snider Social Hall). The class lasts about an hour. Childcare provided upon request. Please let Beth Lundy, blundy@thepeopleschurch.com, know if you are interested and/or have any questions.

**THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE:** The Library Committee is collecting used books in good condition for the Book Sale. **Donations can be placed on the Stage in the Snider Social Hall.** We ask that you do not donate textbooks, magazines, encyclopedias, or special interest sets. Non-fiction and children's books are greatly appreciated! If you'd like to volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact Susan Godfrey at s.godfrey@sbcglobal.net.

**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 and the Gym**. 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.

**IN-PERSON GREAT DECISIONS:** We invite you to come to our first post-COVID Great Decisions **Thursday, May 9 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Robertson Room**. In conjunction with the Peoples Church Earth Stewardship Committee, we are pleased to welcome our speaker, Omar Gates, a Climatologist for GLISA, the Great Lakes Integrated Sciences and Assessments Center at U of M. He will address the topic of Climate Change in the Great Lakes Region, with a focus on Michigan; this will be followed by a Q and A session. All are welcome!

**CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS:** The Community Engagement Ministry has chosen to provide a \$300 scholarship to any child or youth in our congregation who would like to attend summer camp administered by one of our 4 denominations. Those interested should register themselves. The scholarship will be reimbursed, or we can send a check if there is time. They are provided on a first come-first serve basis. To receive an application, contact Kim Gools at kgoools@yahoo.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.

**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:** 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>. This week’s passage is 1 John 4:7-12.

**PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP:** Today, PCYG will be doing the Souper Sunday lunch from **12 p.m. to 1 p.m.**, then they will be doing zine/button making from **1 p.m. to 3 p.m.**, music rehearsal will be held after from **3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.** and lastly, D&D Club from **3:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

**PORCH OF HEAVEN:** Porch of Heaven is a Lectio Divina service that takes place **Mondays at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary Balcony**. 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 Beggar’s Banquet 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.

**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.