

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MAY 1st, 2022



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823

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Sunday Schedule

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

Sunday School is available after the Children's Moment

Nursery Care is available for Children Under 3

Wednesday Night Programming

Individually prepared meals can be picked up between 5:00 & 6:00 p.m. in the Northwest entrance of the building. For more details, check [The Peoples Church Facebook page](#).

ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome ASL interpreters for our 10:30 a.m. worship service and for special events.

Sensory Tool Kit

A Sensory Tool kit is reserved for those 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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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. Bev Mason, 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.

**MAKE A GIFT
ONLINE**

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Order of Service | May 1st, 2022

Prelude

Ave Verum Corpus
Judy Kabodian, Organist

W.A. Mozart

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: I will praise you, O God, for you have gathered me to yourself.
Through your love, all things are possible.

All: **I will praise you, O God, for I cried to you for help.**
In the midst of my distress, you came and healed me!

One: Sing praises to the Lord, all you faithful children!
Give thanks to God's holy name.

All: **God has turned our mourning into dancing!**
God has removed our rags and clothed us in joy!

One: Let all that has breath sing praises to the Lord!

All: **With shouts of joy, we will sing of God's marvelous works!**

***Gathering Hymn**

Glorious Things of Thee (v. 1-3)

no. 81

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God. God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode. On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near. Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day, safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove. Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage? Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

Glorious Things of Thee

Text: John Newton (1755)

Music : Franz Joseph Haydn (1797)

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Prayer of Confession

Holy One, you do not keep track of all the ways we have failed you. Instead, in your mercy, you make all things new. We confess that we are quick to condemn and slow to forgive. Rarely do we let people off the hook or allow them to grow. Our attention is focused on the past so we miss all the Spirit is doing in the present. Forgive us when we do not forgive as we have been forgiven. Have mercy on us, O God, and draw us into your vision of justice and love. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

Thine Is the Glory

no. 238

**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

Music

Kleine Orgelmesse 'Little Organ Mass'

Franz Josef Haydn

Sanctuary Choir, Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Melanie Walker, soprano soloist

Violin 1: Yuanmiao Li, Violin 2: Gerson Medina, Cello: Sandro Sidamonidze, Bass: Danny Sesi

See insert for lyrics

Scripture

Acts 9: 1-6

pg. 1670

Sermon

"Sudden Changes"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

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***

Gracious God, signs of your presence and your work are all around us. May this offering help you to accomplish your will in this world and transform the lives of your children. Inspire us and guide us in the use of these gifts. Amen.

Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration and Blessing

Words of institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**O God, at this table we have received from your hand bread from the earth to fortify our hearts and wine to gladden our spirits. May these signs of Christ's presence fill our lives with such gratitude that we are inspired to spread joy wherever we go.
Amen.**

****Sending Hymn***

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

no. 516

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore you seated at the heavenly board, may the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Text: Louis FitzGerald Benson (1924)

Music: V. Earle Copes, (1959)

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***Benediction and 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

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Judy Kabodian, Organist

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH



COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP: After service, please join us in Friendship Hall for freshly brewed coffee, sweet treats, and fellowship!

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Join us on Sundays following service for Lunch and Lounge—a time of fellowship, food, and rest. Campus Ministry also meets at **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights** for Bible Study!

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP (PCYG): PCYG meets **6:30-7:30 p.m. on Sundays for dinner, followed by regular PCYG from 7:30-8:30 p.m.** Confirmation Sunday is **May 15th**, with a Confirmation Party in the Youth Den 5:30-8:00 p.m. to celebrate. Contact Elisha Smith for more details on any of the events planned for this month at esmith@thepeopleschurch.com!

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday morning men's group is reading *Everyone's a Theologian: An Introduction to Systematic Theology* by R.C. Sproul. We continue to meet at **7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.**

SERMON PREVIEW GROUP: The sermon preview group will meet **Wednesday, May 4th at 9 a.m.** to review **Psalm 23**. Join us on zoom by clicking [here](#), or enter the meeting ID into your Zoom app: 813 6414 0406.

WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP: We meet in the Robertson Room as we continue our study of *If God is Love, Don't be a Jerk* by John Pavlovitz.

CHiCs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST) WOMEN'S GROUP: We meet on **Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. both by zoom and in person.** For more information about CHiCs or to join the group, contact Beth Lundy at lundybb@comcast.net or 610-246-0029.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ANNUAL STRAWBERRY BRUNCH: The Women of Peoples Church Strawberry Brunch will be held **today, after worship, in the Snider Social Hall!** Religious humorist, Sheri Wohlfhert, is this year's guest speaker. Join us for quiche, vegan burritos, mixed greens, and strawberry dessert. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for children 11 & up, and free for children under 11. We hope to see you there!

NEW MEMBERS INDUCTION: Have you attended a New Member Class sometime in the past and decided that now is the time to make The Peoples Church your church home? Consider joining the church during our next New Member Induction **on May 15th!** Contact Robin Matheson at 517-290-3223 or matheso4@msu.edu by **Monday, May 2nd** to get details!

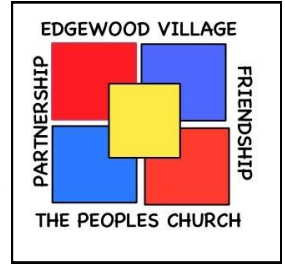
NEW MEMBERS GATHERING: All New Peoples Church Members and their families that have joined the church since the last New Members' Gathering in 2019 are invited to join us for Food and Fellowship at Pastor Monroe's house on **May 15th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Welcome Ministry hasn't been able to hold these events due to Covid in our community and we are very excited to get everyone together! This includes anyone who has been unable to attend a New Members' Gathering in the past and Confirmands who become members of the church once they are Confirmed. Please RSVP to Diane Shafer at dmshafer2001@gmail.com or 517-388-0437. See you there!

JEWELRY AND BOOK SALE: The Women of Peoples Church will be continuing their huge annual sale of books, jewelry, and more this year! Sale dates are **Saturday, May 21st from 9-5 p.m. and Sunday, May 22nd from 9-1 p.m.** Small trinkets, handbags, jewelry boxes, scarves, costume and fine jewelry, framed art, mirrors, knick-knacks, and similar items in good shape will be accepted as donation for the sale. If you would like to volunteer to help with the sale or have questions, contact Jessica Eysselinck at 646-244-2102 or Jessica@eysselinck.com.

PCYG CAKE AUCTION: Join PCYG at our annual Cake Auction on **May 22nd** directly following the service as we raise money for our PCYG kiddos to travel to Milwaukee, WI this summer for a week of service! This is the first mission trip PCYG has been able to take in over 2 years, and we are thrilled to have this opportunity! Your support is greatly appreciated.

SENSORY TOOL KIT: This kit is a small bundle of items that can be used to keep a person with sensory issues calm and grounded. Each item in the kit will appeal to one of your five senses. Also included is a pair of noise-canceling headphones. A Sensory Tool kit is reserved for those 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 just outside the side sanctuary door.

EDGEWOOD VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY: This week's Edgewood Village Opportunity is about helping children succeed! Are you interested in volunteering 1 on 1 with an elementary school-aged child at Edgewood Village? Post pandemic, many children need a boost in their language arts and mathematics skills, and your assistance is needed. Their after-school program runs **daily from 4-6 p.m.**; you may volunteer as your time allows. Abby Barr is coordinating this important work; please contact her at abbyjobarr@gmail.com, or 517-449-1327 to learn more. Thank You!



TOWN AND GOWN: The next session of Town & Gown is **May 3rd at 5p.m.** Join Age Alive as we hear from Professor Satish Udpa. Presentations are held in person in the Robertson Room and are also accessible through Zoom. To join online, visit <https://msu.zoom.us/j/93436186072>, and enter passcode Town&Gown.

INTERFAITH SERVICE

Welcome the Stranger: An Interfaith Service of Song and Story

The Interfaith Clergy Association will revive its annual interfaith service on **Monday, May 16th, at 7 p.m., at The Peoples Church.** We will offer scriptures and songs from many faiths that emphasize the importance of welcoming and tending to newcomers in our midst.

ALL are welcome. Together we can form one single community of friendship and mutual respect. You can attend in person, or through [YouTube live stream](#).

VBS: Join us **June 13-17** for all day Vacation Bible School! Our unique VBS is half a day of Bible stories, crafts and activities and a half day of nature camp! For 4 days we will be exploring the amazing Woldumar Nature Center. One day we will be at the church enjoying a naturalist presentation, ice cream social and more! **Register today and save \$10 per registration!** Registration is open for Campers (finished Kindergarten to 5th grade), CITs (finished 6th or 7th grade), and Crew Leaders (finished 8th grade and at least 14 years old). For more information, scan the QR code, or click [here](#). Contact Kathi Mitchell (kmitchell@thepeopleschurch.com) with any questions.

