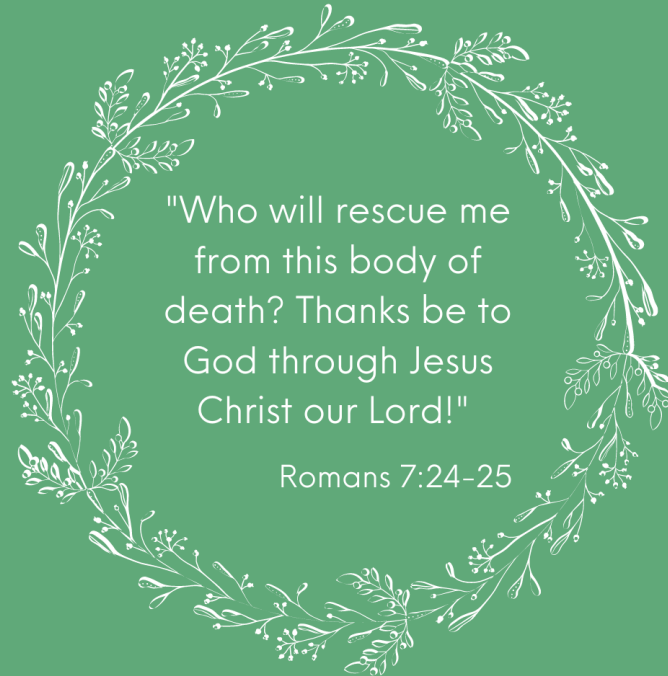


Sanctuary Service

July 9, 2023



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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

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Sunday (Summer) Schedule

Sanctuary Service: 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Livestreamed on YouTube.

Sunday School takes place after the children's moment.

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, you can find **The Peoples Church of East Lansing on YouTube!**

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

Prelude

Adagio Molto
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Alexandre Guilmant

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship**

One God calls us to worship and welcomes us here.
The Spirit leads us to all that is good.

**All God is good, but we have wandered.
How can we stand in the presence of the Lord?**

One God sees past our outward appearance.
God knows the intent of our hearts.

**All God has told us what is pleasing and right.
Yet again and again, we have chosen our own way.**

One God's grace is given to all God's children.
In Jesus Christ, God's love is revealed.

**All We seek to know and follow God's will.
In a spirit of love and hope we will worship the Lord.**

***Gathering Hymn**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (v. 1-3)

no. 611

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing
around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow,
flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began. Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife. Joyful
music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have separated ourselves from you and turned away from the path of Christ. Christ calls us to faith, yet we seek our own security. Jesus teaches us to trust him, but we don't want to risk it. He asks us to walk with him, but we like to wander according to our own desires. Time after time, we have turned our backs on your grace, O God. Forgive us. Restore our sense of purpose and relieve us of the burden of our sins. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

no. 286

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Solo

Cantilena

Carol Barratt

Neil Mueller, Trumpet

Scripture Reading

Romans 7:15-25

"I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

Sermon

"Sin Redux"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Text: Robert Robinson (1758)

Music: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second* (1813)

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Moment for Mission

Rev. Haley Hansen

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

Accept our gifts and our gratitude, O God. Bless us with a spirit of wisdom so we can discern the ministry and mission you have chosen for us. May we grow in generosity and faithfulness each and every day. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Christ Be Beside Me (v. 1-3)

no. 702

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me. Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

Christ Be Beside Me
Text: James Quinn, SJ (1969)
Music: Gaelic melody (1985)
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***Benediction**

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary
Judy Kabodian, Organist
Neil Mueller, Trumpet

William Boyce

PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

ACHE: Adults Connecting and Having Events is a young adult group that meets twice a month. To keep up with events, follow us on Instagram @ache_thepeopleschurch, or contact Pastor Haley by emailing hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Pastor Haley leads the in-person study group on **Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Robertson Room**, and Pastor Shawnthea leads the **Wednesday Zoom session from 9 to 10 a.m.** The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86068627263>. The passage for this week is Matthew 13:1-9.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: PCYG will NOT be meeting this evening.

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. There will NOT be a Pub Theology gathering on July 13.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday Morning Men's Group is currently reading '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.** At **6:30**, Shawnthea Monroe teaches dance aerobics in the gym. All are welcome! (Faith & the News Bible study will not meet through the summer.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CLEANOUT: You can still join in **today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** to help declutter and clean out the church!

GIVE TO CAMPUS MINISTRY: The Peoples Church is revamping our campus ministry lounge, and we need your help in making the space more comfortable and welcoming for our students! We've pulled together a wish list of items for the space. With Amazon Prime day fast approaching on **July 11 and 12**, now is the time to score some deals and help support campus ministry. To purchase items on the wish list, visit <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2GPYWRV8WBJ9O>, or just scan the QR code.



HELP NEEDED: Alexa is looking for more helpers in our Sunday School ministry! If you enjoy working with children and wouldn't mind volunteering on occasional Sundays, email Alexa at ahayes-murray@thepeopleschurch.com.

COUNCIL OF ELDERS: The Peoples Church is looking for members who would like to serve as an elder or a member of the Nominations Committee:

Council of Elders (Three-year term): The Elder Council is responsible for the spiritual, physical, and overall welfare of the church. The council is comprised of 15 members, the clerk, and the treasurer, all of which are elected from active members of the church at the annual Fall Election Meeting. In addition, there is one representative selected from each denomination. The typical meeting schedule of the council includes a ministry meeting on the second or third Tuesday of each month, and the elders' meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Elders are elected to serve a three-year term and can serve two terms consecutively. New members take office January 1.

Nomination Committee: The Nomination Committee is comprised of eight members and typically meets annually in August to recruit and select candidates for the Elder Council and the Nomination Committee slate for the congregation to vote on during the Fall Election Meeting. Members are selected to serve two-year terms, and must take a year off before serving again on the committee.

UNDIE SUNDAYS: Undie Sundays are returning, collection begins **June 11 and ends August 13**. Community Engagement will be collecting **NEW** underwear (underpants, socks, & tees) children, K-12. Look for the red kids stuff basket at the Welcome Desk to leave donations, or they may be dropped off in TPC office. All items will be delivered to the LOVE Clothing Closet at Judson Memorial Baptist Church. Questions? Contact Ruth Worthington by emailing worthin2@msu.edu.

