

Sanctuary Service

August 27, 2023



More than Words



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

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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

Prayer

Jacques Lemmens

Judy Kabodian, Organist

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

One The earth has its kings, but God is ruler of all.
Praise God, the creator of life!

**All The mountains may tremble and the oceans may roar,
But the Creator is more powerful than the earth itself.**

One Come into God's presence, for the Spirit is with us now.
Let every heart and every voice praise the Lord.

**All May God's glory surround us and God's word inspire us!
Let us worship our Rock and our Redeemer!**

***Gathering Hymn**

To God Be the Glory (v. 1 & 2)

no. 634

*To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let
the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great
things he has done!*

*Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus
the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we
see. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the
Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the
glory: great things he has done!*

To God Be the Glory

Text: Fanny Jane Crosby

Music: William Howard Doane, 1875

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Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess we look for you in all the wrong places and wonder why we cannot find you. We wander the corridors of power, while you walk along the road in the company of the poor and oppressed. We sit at the head tables of the world, while you share a meal with the hungry. We applaud those who win the race, while you cheer on those who finish last. Forgive us for losing track of you, holy God. Have mercy on us and give us the eyes of faith so we can see you in the faces of all your children. We pray all this in the name of your son, our savior, Christ Jesus. 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

Special Music

Rock of Ages

Augustus Toplady

Adam Droscha, Acoustic Guitar

“Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee. Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed be of sin the double cure, cleanse from shame and make me pure. Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands. Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hands I bring; simply to the cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die. Wash me, Savior, or I die.

When I draw that fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death, when I soar to heaven unknown, and see thee on thy mercy throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me find myself with thee.”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Hymn of Response

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound (v 1-4)

no. 766

The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone. Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.

True faith will open up the door and step into the street. True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.

True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied. True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.

If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor's need, then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Found

Text: Adam L. Tice, 2005

Music: African American Spiritual; Jubilee Songs, 1884

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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Haley Hansen

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

We dedicate this offering to your on-going work in the world. May these gifts bring love, mercy and hope to a world in need. We pray and we serve in Jesus' name. Amen.

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
Text: Robert L. Edwards (1961)
Music: *The Sacred Harp* (1844)
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Benediction*Postlude**

Gavotte

Samuel Wesley

Judy Kabodian, Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KICKOFF SUNDAY: Our 2023 Kickoff Sunday is **September 10 at 10:30 a.m.!** There will be a chicken dinner directly following the service.

RETURNING TO TWO SERVICES: On **Sunday, September 10**, Kickoff Sunday, our **10:30 a.m.** service will resume. Our **8:30 a.m.** service will resume the following week on **Sunday, September 17.**

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: Interested in learning more about The Peoples Church? Join us for a New Members Class on Sunday, September 17 at 11:30 a.m. To RSVP, send an email to blundy@thepeopleschurch.com. Please indicate if you need childcare and it will be provided.

2023 WOMEN'S RETREAT: You will not want to miss this year's women's retreat at the **St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt on Friday, September 22 and Saturday, September 23!** Join us for conversation, fellowship, and worship. This year's presenter is Shannon Craigo-Snell, who will lead a conversation about Serving God With Our Whole Selves. The cost is \$120 single occupancy or \$105 double occupancy, which covers the program, four meals, and all accommodations. If you would like to register, or have questions about the retreat, please contact Beth Lundy by emailing Blundy@thepeopleschurch.com. Scholarships are available upon request.

CONFIRMATION NOTICE: Dr. Monroe will be teaching this year's confirmation class. If you, or someone you know, is 13 or 14 years old and would like a chance to take a deep dive into the Christian faith, please contact Dr. Monroe by sending an email to smonroe@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.

ASL INTERPRETERS NEEDED: We are looking for more ASL (American Sign Language) interpreters to help interpret during our services. Duties would include interpreting during our Sunday worship services, holiday services, and some special events. If you (or someone you know) are an ASL interpreter and are interested in serving in this vital ministry at The Peoples Church, please contact us by emailing office@thepeopleschurch.com, or by calling our office, (517) 332-5073, for more details about scheduling and compensation.

JOIN SANCTUARY CHOIR & HANDBELL CHOIR: Fall is almost upon us, which means it's time again for Sanctuary Choir and Clarion Ringers to begin rehearsals and Sunday performances. Whether you previously sang and rang with the choirs, or if you haven't but would like to try, you're invited to check it out! The **Clarion Ringers rehearse Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.**, and the **Sanctuary Choir rehearses Thursdays at 7 p.m.** Sanctuary Choir's **first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 7.**

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH: Ladies Lunch Bunch is picking back up for a lunch at **noon on Wednesday, September 27 at Coral Gables restaurant in East Lansing.** The restaurant will need a close headcount to secure a reservation, so please make an email confirmation if you are already part of the Ladies Lunch Bunch email chain, or call the church office to RSVP if it is your first time attending.

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 Exodus 3:1-15.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: PCYG will resume its normal Sunday meeting time **beginning Sunday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m.** This is the time of the year when we welcome our incoming 6th grade students! If you know any new (or older) students who are interested in PCYG please contact our youth director, Elisha, by emailing esmith@thepeopleschurch.com.

PUB THEOLOGY: We meet on the **first Tuesday each month, 6:00 p.m. at Crunchy's** to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday Morning Men's Group is currently reading 'Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home' by Richard Foster. We continue to meet at **7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.**

VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY: Voices of the Community" commences again **September 10 at 9:30 a.m.** with an incredible speaker, **Johnny Agar from Rockford, Michigan.** Johnny was born with Cerebral Palsy, but has achieved many goals in his 28 years with the help of his family and "Team Agar." Johnny was featured on CBS twice within the last few months, and he and his father have been invited to compete in the Hawaiian Ironman 2024. Johnny also wrote a book entitled 'The Impossible Mile: The Power of Living One Step at a Time.' Join us in The Robertson Room to hear Johnny's incredible story.

WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH: During the month of August, we are taking a break from our **Wednesday evening community dinners!** Join us **Wednesday, September 13** when they resume! 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.)

