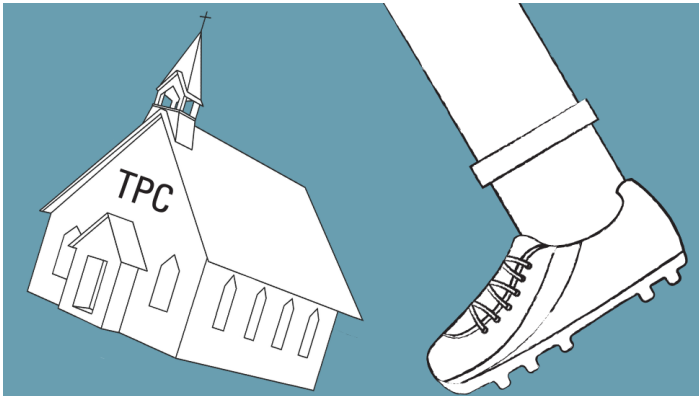


Sanctuary Service

September 10, 2023



KICKOFF SUNDAY



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

There is NO Sunday School this morning.

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!

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 over-stimulated during church services and need something to help calm the nervous system. The kit can be borrowed at the Welcome desk.

LISTENING DEVICES

Listening devices that amplify sound from stage microphones are available upon request.

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

Marche de Fete
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Henri Busser

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

One Tell the whole congregation of God's people:
This is a day for new beginnings.

**All From the East and the West, the North and the South,
We come into God's house for worship.**

One We are God's children, cherished and beloved.
In this place, we set our burdens down.

**All With songs and silence, prayers and petitions,
We praise the God of our salvation!**

One This is a day of new beginnings!
Come into God's presence with hope and joy.

**All In this hour, may we feel the Spirit!
In this hour, may we become the church!**

***Gathering Hymn**

For the Beauty of the Earth (v. 1-5)

no. 14

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given; for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that, when life becomes difficult, we waver in our faith. We do not persevere in prayer or trust in your response. We claim to be wiser than we are and do not humble ourselves in your presence. Our days are so filled with busyness that we have no time to pay attention to you. We are so weighed down with our own concerns and have no energy to serve you. Cut off from your grace and your power, our souls ache for you. Forgive us, O God, and turn us toward you. We pray all this in Christ's name. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

There is Now a New Creation

no. 774

There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ, peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Special Music

Morning Has Broken
Sanctuary Choir dir. By Dr. Jonathan Reed

arr. Lloyd Larson

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them springing fresh from the Word! Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation; praise every morning. God's recreation of the new day. Morning has broken like the first morning. Praise for the dawning of the new day!

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 105:1-6

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Hymn of Response

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (v. 1-4)

no. 727

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear. I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant
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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

Holy God, bless all that we offer you this day. Give us the eyes of faith so we can see all people in the light of your love. We dedicate this offering to your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again: holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving; Lord make us more loving, until we meet again: loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient; Lord make us more patient, until we meet again: patient, patient, patient, until we meet again.

Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful, until we meet again: faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.

Lord, Make Us More Holy

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****Benediction***

****Benediction Response***

Postlude

Toccatina

Carl Simone

Judy Kabodian, Organist



Floral arrangement in memory of Sharon and Jeffrey Dawson,
Donated by Gary and Jennifer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RETURNING TO TWO SERVICES: Our **10:30 a.m.** service resumes today! Our **8:30 a.m.** chapel service will resume next week on **Sunday, September 17.**

2023 WOMEN'S RETREAT: There is only one more day to register for 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. **Registration deadline is tomorrow, Monday, September 11. If we do not meet our registration minimum by tomorrow, the retreat will unfortunately be cancelled.** Please consider joining us for this great opportunity!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

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.

NEW ART EXHIBIT: The Fine Arts Committee has announced the installation of its latest exhibit, 'Where ART Thou??: Playful Reflections on Religion and Scripture' by local artist and member of The Peoples Church, Chance Liscomb. The exhibit will be on display throughout the hallways bordering the sanctuary, the kiosk in the Rotunda, and Friendship Hall until December 7. Find an exhibit program across from the Welcome Desk to learn more about Chance and his beautiful exhibit. You can also visit Chance's website, www.sculpturebychance.com.

HENRY & ANNABEL LARZELERE MEMORIAL LECTURE: The Peoples Church is hosting Dr. Kristin Kobes Du Mez for our annual Henry & Annabel Memorial Lecture. The title of her lecture is 'Jesus & John Wayne and the Evangelical Reckoning.' Dr. Du Mez will give a brief presentation during the 10:30 a.m. service before her full lecture at 1 p.m. This free event is open to anyone who wants to attend, and all are welcome. Dr. Du Mez is a New York Times bestselling author and Professor of History and Gender Studies at Calvin University. She holds a PhD from the University of Notre Dame and her research focuses on the intersection of gender, religion, and politics. Her most recent book is 'Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation.' The Henry and Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture Series was established in 2017 to honor Henry and Annabel Larzelere's interest in continuing education on topics of international interest and theological thought.

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.

JOIN SANCTUARY CHOIR & HANDBELL CHOIR: 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 **Sanctuary Choir rehearses Thursdays at 7 p.m.** Rehearsals have begun!

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 call (517) 349-1074 to let the lunch organizers know you would like to attend, or make an email confirmation if you are already part of a previous Ladies Lunch Bunch email chain.

PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

ACHE: Adults Connecting and Having Events is a young adult group that meets twice a month. **Friday, September 15 at 7 p.m.** ACHE is hosting a game night in the Campus Lounge! Snacks will be provided. **Monday, September 25 at 6 pm.** ACHE is going to Launch Trampoline Park at the Meridian Mall in Okemos for laser tag! The cost for this outing is covered! Please email Pastor Haley ahead of time to let her know if you're planning to attend. To keep up with events, follow us on Instagram @ache_thepeopleschurch, or contact Pastor Haley by emailing hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com.

COLLEGE MINISTRY: Campus/college ministry is picking up some familiar and new activities this fall! College students are welcome to meet **in the Campus Lounge on Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. service** for a free lunch! College students are also welcome **Thursdays at 5 p.m.** for dinner and an activity; each Thursday of the month there will be a different activity following dinner. For more information, contact Pastor Haley by emailing hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Pastor Shawnthea leads the in-person study group on **Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Robertson Room**, and the **Wednesday Zoom session from 9 to 10 a.m.** The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86068627263>. Pastor Haley leads a Bible Study at **9:30 a.m. on Sundays in the Campus Lounge**. This week's passage is Matthew 18:21-35.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: PCYG will resume its normal Sunday meeting time **next 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**.

WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH: Our **Wednesday Community Dinners resume this Wednesday, September 13 at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall!** At **6 p.m.** Pastor Shawnthea teaches dance aerobics in the gym, and Pastor Haley teaches a financial wellness course at **6:30 p.m.** All are welcome!

