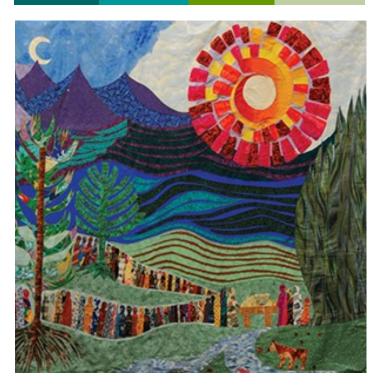
SUNDAY WORSHIP OCTOBER 3, 2021 World Communion Sunday



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

Nursery 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School follows the Children's Moment

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Our community meal outreach program continues. 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 out 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.

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. Kari Naghtin, 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, please dial (844) 933-0517 and follow the prompts.

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ONLINE
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Order of Service | October 3, 2021

Prelude

Let Us Break Bread Together
Judy Kabodian, Organ

arr. Dale Wood

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 Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

All But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?

One Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

All But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?

One Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a new song together.

*Gathering Hymn "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (v. 1-3) no. 645 Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth; by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth. Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing, an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing, as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band: to God all praise and glory!

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above Text: Johann Jacob Schutz (1675) Music: Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesang (1566) Copyright: 2013 Cliff: 1698862

Procession of the Light of Christ

Sam Calabrese, Acolyte

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us into servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response

no. 437

You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy! You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

*Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

"Bread of the World"

Daniel Burton

Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul, in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead. Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed, and be thy feast to us the token, that by thy grace our souls our fed. Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul, in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.

Scripture

Anthem

Mark 10:2-16

Sermon

"Ohana"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

*Hymn of Response

"There Is Now a New Creation" (v. 1 - 4)

no. 774

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

Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone: now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.

Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child. All is finished and forgiven; let us now be reconciled.

Come and join the celebration; come and join this happy feast; Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.

Text: David Gambrell (2009)
Music: Witt's Psalmodia Sacra (1715)
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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.

*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, you share more than we could ever hope to deserve. We pray that you will accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they enable us to do your work of justice and peace in this world, now and forever. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration and Blessing

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, we give you thanks for uniting us as the Body of Christ and for filling us with joy at this table. Lead us toward the unity of your church, and help us treasure signs of reconciliation. Now that we have tasted the banquet you have prepared for us, may we one day feast together in your heavenly city. We offer this prayer of thanks in Christ's name. Amen.

*Sending Hymn "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" (v. 1, 4) no. 498 Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore. Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.

(Refrain) By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care. (**Refrain**)

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr. (2005) Music: The Sacred Harp (1844) Copyright: 2013 CCLI# 1698862

*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 March J. S. Bach

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

SERMON PREVIEW GROUP: meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the meeting here. Meeting ID: 883 8071 4830. You can also dial 1 929 205 6099 and when prompted enter 883 8071 4830. The text for October 6th is Mark 10: 17-27.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: We are reading the book, *No Innocent Bystanders: Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice*, by Dr. Shannon Craigo-Snell and Christopher J. Doucot. Co-author, Craigo-Snell, will be speaking at Peoples on October 17 as part of the Henry and Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture Series. **Mission Statement:** As men of faith, we read the Bible and other books, listening for God's voice and direction for our lives. We also listen to each other, looking to support and challenge each other's walk of faith. As we endeavor to do so, we find ways to put God's word into action in our lives and in God's wider kingdom on earth. If you are interested in participating in this group, we meet each Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.

WEDNESDAY NOON MEN'S GROUP: Our group meets weekly on Wednesdays at noon in the Robertson room. We are presently discussing the book *The Tyranny of Merit* by Michael Sandel. Our discussion leader is Sandy Bryson.

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Join us weekly for Lunch and Lounge after worship! We also meet Tuesday's at 8:00 p.m. in the College Lounge. We'll provide dinner and the discussion topic!

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: October 3rd, we are painting the Youth Den, after worship. Join us for lunch at 12:00, and painting starting at 12:30. All friends, family, and students are welcome to help out! Youth group will combined tonight, to give us time to finish painting: 6-6:30 MS/HS dinner, 6:30-7 MS/HS youth choir, and 7-8 MS/HS youth group! Beginning **October 10th**, the youth group schedule will be as follows: 5:30-6:30 MS youth group, 6:30-7 MS/HS dinner, 7-7:30 MS/HS youth choir, and 7:30-8:30 HS youth group.

TOWN & GOWN: Town & Gown meets weekly on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Participants may either attend in the Robertson Room or join by Zoom. To learn more about our weekly speaker, and to preview upcoming speakers, look here. You can register to attend via this link. Our next speaker, Dr. Benjamin Smith, is a historian of modern Mexican History. Dr. Smith's research has been done in archives, villages, churches, and markets in the predominantly indigenous state of Oaxaca. You are invited to attend Dr. Smith's presentation on **October 5th** in the Robertson Room or online via Zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

USHERS NEEDED

We are currently seeking ushers to help with Sunday morning service and other events. If interested, please contact Paul Babbitt at paulbabbitt47@gmail.com, or 517-676-5909.

SAY CHEESE!

It's that time again! We are working on a new pictorial directory. During the first week of October, you will receive an email from Sign Up Genius to sign up for a photo appointment in November. Photos make great Christmas gifts! Appointments are available first come, first serve. If email is not good for you or you do not receive an email, please call Beth Lundy at the church office, ext. 4453, to make an appointment.

SCOUTS BSA

Troop 2 and Crew 2 provide an educational program for youth and young adults, ages 11-21 to build character, train in the responsibilities of participatory citizenship, learn outdoor skills, and develop personal fitness. We meet on Tuesday evenings in the social hall starting at 7:30 p.m. All church and CDC COVID-19 policies, including masking, are currently being followed.

PCYG

We are painting the Youth Den **TODAY!** Join us after church at 12:00 for lunch and then help us paint! All are welcome, and will be greatly appreciated.

PEOPLES FORUM

The next installment of Peoples Forum will take place on **October 10th**, where Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell, our new associate pastor, will talk about her first weeks here in "Getting to Know You". Peoples Forum is held from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Robertson Room on Sunday, before worship.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

As we get back to the regular schedule, the church office is getting pretty busy and we could use some help at the reception desk on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are able and interested in volunteering primarily to answer the phone, please contact Beth Lundy at Blundy@thepeopleschurch.com or ext. 4453 at the church office.

SUNDAY PARKING

We would like to remind all members that on Sundays all City of East Lansing parking lots are free of charge. Permit parking lots remain available only to permit holders on Sundays. Please view the parking brochure that is included with this bulletin for more information. Parking lots or street parking marked in light blue are **NOT** available for free parking. Dark blue, green, and orange designated areas offer free parking on Sundays. Parking closest to TPC has been outlined.



Floral Dedication

Flowers are given by Judy & Aram Kabodian in loving memory of Judy's Mom, Linda Janecke, who went to glory two years ago.



~ HARVEST FESTIVAL ~

OCTOBER 31!

Snider Social Hall following the 10:30 a.m. service

Join us for food, games, crafts, and fun! All Ages (0-99) Welcome!



Floral Dedications have returned to Peoples Church! If you would like to purchase flowers for a Sunday service, please contact Elizabeth in the Church Office at eprice@thepeopleschurch.com, or 517-332-5073. Floral Dedication gifts support the Sanctuary Decoration Fund, and are always a welcome addition to our Sunday Worship services.

