

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 18, 2018



When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

John 19:5



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Chapel

9:30 a.m.

Carol Choir Rehearsal
Confirmation Class
PCYG Bible Exploration
Peoples Forum

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service, Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School

11:30 a.m.

Coppertones Rehearsal
Lunch & Lounge | Campus Ministry
Dance 149

6:10 p.m.

Youth Choir

6:30 p.m.

High School Youth Group

WEDNESDAY

NIGHT LIVE!

5:30 p.m.

Community Meal

6:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal
Children's Education K-5

6:30 p.m.

Adult Formation Classes
Middle School Youth Group
Yoga Class
Childcare for infant/
preschool

7:30 p.m.

Clarion Ringers



THE PEOPLES CHURCH STAFF

Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Sunday mornings.

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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

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

Jennifer Nagel, Chairperson
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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.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

THANK YOU to all who have returned their Stewardship forms thus far. Your gift is appreciated and will do great things here at The Peoples Church.

Don't forget you can make a gift online at ThePeoplesChurch.com/give.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

To see all of our opportunities, please pick up the most recent *Portal* newsletter, available at the Welcome Desk, in the office, or at ThePeoplesChurch.com.

Children through 5th grade are invited to participate in Sunday School following the Children's Moment. Please be sure to check-in your child at one of the kiosks located in Friendship Hall, prior to worship service, to receive a name tag for your child. Julie Bills, Children's Christian Education Director, will lead the children to the classrooms on the third floor for Sunday School. At the conclusion of worship, you may pick up your child on the third floor. Please show the security code you received at check-in to the teacher.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 18, 2018

Prelude (10:30 a.m.) "Meditation" Gabriel Dupont
Coppertones, directed by Elizabeth Reed

Choral Introit (10:30 a.m.) "Praise to the Lord" No. 615
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed
Neill Campbell, organist

Welcome to The Peoples Church! Rev. Betsy Aho
Worship is both personal and communal, formal and informal, intimate and casual. Here at The Peoples Church, we recognize that people come to worship God in both joy and pain, faith and doubt, with laughter and with tears. Our worship tries to reflect a desire both for meditation and celebration. Please know you are invited to participate in any and all ways you feel led. Our songs, prayers, words and actions are the works of imperfect people trying to worship a perfect God.

Call to Worship Ava Harvey, Confirmand (10:30 a.m.)

Leader: In the flood, in the wilderness, in exile; in certainty and doubt, abundance and scarcity; God's promise is true to the thousandth generation.

People: **We see the rainbow, we hear our names, we learn the commandments, we look up for our help, we know in our hearts: we love because God first loved us, we follow because God first came to us, we can be faithful because God is faithful.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God together!

Procession of the Light of Christ Jack Fickies, Acolyte

Gathering Hymn "I'll Praise My Maker" No. 806

Lenten Prayer for Confession Rev. Drew Filkins

There are days when all that keeps me praying is the decision to trust you, O God. To trust that you are still in charge, that you are watching over my way, that you care about truth even when the liars seem so strong. So, for today, I choose to trust in your faithfulness, in your power to create new beginnings where none seem possible, in your watchful care over the oppressed, the stranger, and the orphan.

Open my eyes to see you lifting up those who are bowed down; upholding orphans and widows, bringing the way of the wicked to ruin. Let me see your reign. Then, summon me to join the praise of your people echoing through the generations. Amen.

Lenten Congregational Response

"Sign Us With Ashes" (refrain only)

No. 433

Sign us with ashes, merciful God, children of dust,
as to dust we return. Sign us with ashes, merciful God.
Mark us and make us your own.

Celebration of Holy Communion (8:30 a.m.)

Children's Moment (10:30 a.m.)

Passing the Peace of Christ (*Please stand if able*)

(Children are dismissed at this time and can be picked up after service on the third floor)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

First Reading

Psalm 146

(Pew Bible Page 625; Large Print 927)

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

"Be Still My Soul"

Mark Shepperd

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

(During the pastoral prayer there will be a time to offer prayers of joy and concern, voiced aloud or silently for and on behalf of others)

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.

Second Reading

John 19:1-16

(Pew Bible Page 1,086; Large Print 1,649)

Sermon

"Trial By Mirror"

Rev. Betsy Aho

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Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts

Offertory (10:30 a.m.)

"Rêverie"

Ava Harvey, piano

Debussy

Act of Praise

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Called to be a people of hope and trust, we gather to give thanks for God's care and compassion toward people who are vulnerable to life's fears and stresses.

People: **Justice-loving God, we give thanks that your love and mercy are the source and power behind God's commitment to the created world and toward all humanity; and especially toward vulnerable, dispossessed and isolated people in our midst. Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

No. 221

Benediction *(Please stand if able)*

Benediction 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

"La Majestueuse"

Francois Couperin



Today's Floral Offering

*Given by Patty & George Brookover in celebration of family and friends
who share March birthdays.*

MARCH IS READING MONTH!

TODAY following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, join us in the Fishbach Library for a story time. Rev. Betsy Aho will be our special guest reader. All are welcome and participants will receive a book to enjoy! Join us!



THIS WEEK AT WNL!

Join us, on **Wednesday, March 21, 2018** in the Robertson Room at 6:30 p.m. for CPR training. We will have certified CPR trainers on hand who will teach us this important life-saving skill.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

On **Sunday, March 25**, The Peoples Forum will welcome Mike Brand, Executive Director at Wharton Center. Mike will speak to us about the economic impact of the Arts in the East Lansing community. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room.



VBS: ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE

Registration for Vacation Bible School is going on now. Your child will experience the ride of a lifetime with God as they venture through the Rolling River Rampage this summer! Be sure to sign up now. The ride begins **June 18-22!** Contact Julie Bills at jbills@thepeopleschurch.com with questions.



THE KNITTING PEOPLE

The Knitting People will hold their next meeting on **Thursday, March 22, 2018** from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. Blankets, shawls, mittens, hats, and teddy bears await! All are welcome.

GREAT DECISIONS

On **Thursday, March 22, 2018**, join us in the Robertson Room from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. to be a part of a discussion on Global Health: Progress and Challenges. Dr. John Kaneene, MSU Distinguished Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health, and Director of the Center for Comparative Epidemiology will be our guest speaker.

LENTEN PRAYERS AND CHILDREN

On **Wednesday, March 21**, children age 3 years through 5th grade are invited to join us for an interactive prayer experience on the events of Holy Week. Children will meet from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. following the *WNL!* meal at 5:30. There will be prayer experiences in the classroom and they will bring home a prayer activity you may do as a family. Email Julie Bills at jbills@thepeopleschurch.com with questions.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Bring your appetite and join the Welcome Ministry **TODAY** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service at Leo's Spirits and Grub in Okemos (2085 W. Grand River Ave.). No need to RSVP, the Welcome Ministry will have a table reserved for The Peoples Church. See you there!

SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Council of Elders is accepting nominations of active members for the Senior Pastor Search committee! To be considered, please submit your name, phone number and email address with a short paragraph indicating what perspective or experience you would bring to the committee. You may also nominate others in the church that you feel may serve the committee well. In that case, please submit their name, phone number and e-mail address so that we may reach out to them. We are looking for a nominee that reflect the diverse membership of our church.

EASTER LILY DEDICATION

Yes, I (We) would like to help the sanctuary come alive with Lilies on Easter morning. Please accept my gift of \$20 in support of the Sanctuary Decoration Fund.

In Memory of In Celebration of In Honor of To the Glory of God

Dedication (Please Print): _____

Given By (Please Print): _____

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MARCH 26.



EASTER BASKET DRIVERS NEEDED

Help families in the greater Lansing area have a wonderful meal on Easter Sunday. Volunteer drivers are needed to help deliver Easter Food baskets on Saturday, March 31, 2018. Interested? Sign up below!

Yes, I want to help deliver Easter Food baskets on March 31, 2018.

Name: _____

(Please Print)

Phone: _____

Email: _____



HOLY WEEK 2018

PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 25

8:30 a.m. - Chapel

10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary



*Maundy
thursday*

MAUNDY THURSDAY | MARCH 29

6:30 P.M. - Chapel (with communion)

GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 30

6:30 P.M. - Sanctuary (with choir)



*easter
SUNDAY*



EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 1

7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service in Chapel

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary (with brass)