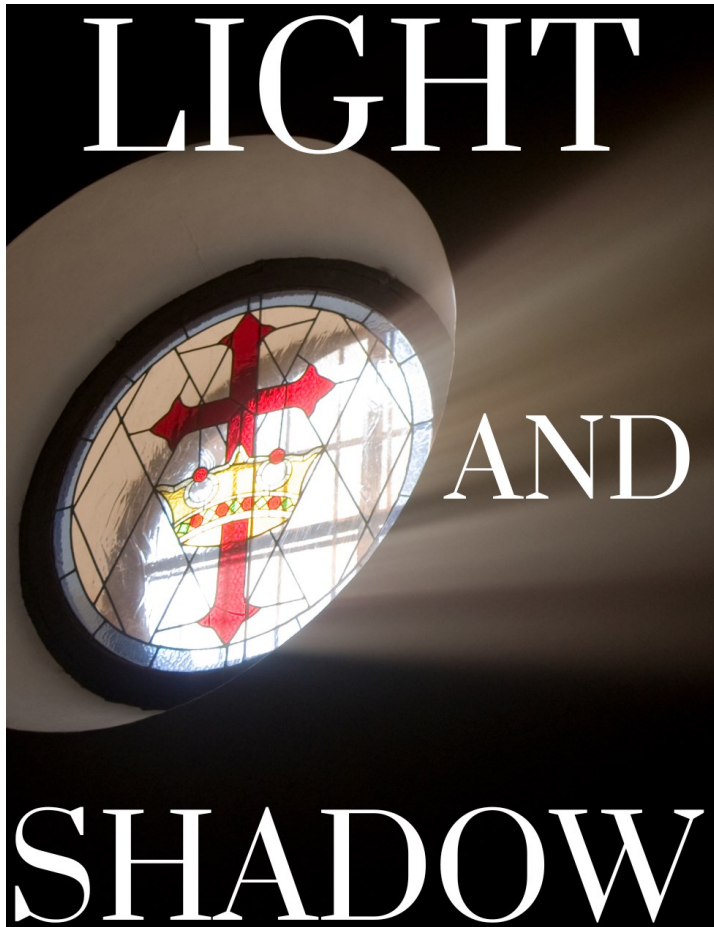


Sanctuary Service, March 10, 2024



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SERVICE INFORMATION

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

Sunday School will take place after the Children's Moment.

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!

LISTENING DEVICES

We now offer listening devices that amplify sound from stage microphones, which are available upon request.

ASL INTERPRETED SERVICE

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome American Sign Language interpreters for our Sunday worship services

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.

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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Rev. Penny Swartz, Minister Emeritus

COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. John Lindley, 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 Prelude in C Major J.S. Bach
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Welcome Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship** Jon Lundy

One Beloved in Christ, why have you come to worship this morning?

All We come to celebrate the love of God found in Jesus Christ.

One God's love reaches through the shadows of our lives to embrace us.

All We come to worship Jesus Christ, who offers love and acceptance, not judgment and rejection.

One Trust in the Lord who leads us in the way of light and love.

All We will trust the light of God's love in the midst of our own struggles.

Come, let us celebrate God's son, Jesus Christ!

***Gathering Hymn** O Day of Rest and Gladness (v. 1-3) no. 393

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright; on you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune, sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God triune.

On you, at earth's creation the light first had its birth; on you, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth; on you, our Lord victorious sent Spirit forth from heaven. And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.

On you, God's people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear, Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near. New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest, we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.

Prayer of Confession

God of healing and wholeness, we confess we have made ourselves miserable through our sinful ways. We are impatient, complaining, and troubled. We love the night because it hides the evil we have done. We seem content to dwell apart from your light and your love, and yet we yearn for your holy presence. We cry out to you in our trouble; save us and forgive our sins, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

Lord Jesus, Think on Me (v. 1)

no. 417

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin. From earth-born passions set me free, and make me pure within.

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Choir Anthem

Hear My Words

Stephen Paulus

Carol Choir directed by Elizabeth Reed

Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be; Hear my cry, my King my God, I will make my prayer to Thee. With the morning light O Lord, Thou shalt hear my voice arise; And expectant I will bring, prayer as morning sacrifice. Thou art Holy, O my God, Thou delights not in sin; Evil shall not dwell with Thee, nor the proud Thy favor win. Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be; Hear my cry, my King my God, I will make my prayer to Thee.

Induction of New Members

Saleem Alhabash, Barbara & Bill Beachy, David Grummon, Bob Klaes, Jody Knol, Bri Lapka, Sydney Litterer, Jeff Slabaugh, Laura Stebbins, Charles Taylor, Jena Whitaker, Leslie & Tom Wilbur.

Elder to Congregation: Let us, the members of The Peoples Church, express our welcome and affirm out mutual ministry in Christ.

Congregation: **We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen savior.**

Profession of Faith — Congregation and New Members

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our common faith as expressed in our church's covenantal statement. Please stand and join in the confession of faith as found in the bulletin.

All: **We believe the teachings of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and with the help of God, we will strive daily to live the life of purity, unselfishness, and service which Christ exemplified to the world.**

Choir Anthem

Come To Me

Dan Forrest

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Melanie Walker, Soprano & Yi-Chen Ke, cello

Come to me, all you who labor, come to me, and I will give you rest. Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and you will find rest for your souls. Come, my child, learn my heart, for I am gentle and lowly. See how great my love for you, that I have called you my child.

First Scripture Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

Jon Lundy

Second Scripture Reading

John 3:14-21

Sermon

"Light and Shadow"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

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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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

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****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***

In a spirit of trust, loving God, we open our hands and offer our gifts. We hope that this offering will bring light and hope to those in need. Let your spirit dwell in these gifts and in this church. Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

Arise, Your Light Is Come! (v. 1-4)

no. 744

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, 2004

Music: Caribbean folk melody; arr. Jorge Lockward, 2001

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****Benediction***

Postlude

Festal Flourish
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Gordon Jacob

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to make a lily dedication for Easter, please sign up for a lily order at the Welcome Desk, or email your order to office@thepeopleschurch.com by **March 20**. Please include your name, and who your gift is in memory, celebration, or honor of. Lily orders are \$20. Checks should be made payable to The Peoples Church with 'Easter Lilies' indicated in the memo line. Lilies will be displayed during worship on **Easter** and can be picked up following the **10:30 a.m.** Easter service.

EASTER SERVICE TIMES: There will be two Easter service times on **March 31. 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** Both will be held in the Sanctuary.

ADULT LENT CLASSES: Join Rev. Dr. Monroe for a six-week course designed to reignite your love of scripture. The class will use Adam Hamilton's book *Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today* as its text, and will meet on **Sunday mornings, 9:20 – 10:20 a.m.** during Lent. Hamilton's book can be purchased on Amazon, at Schuler's, or at a bookseller near you. Rev. Hansen will also be leading labyrinth walks, meditations, and readings **on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.** in Snyder Social Hall during the season of Lent.

NEW ART EXHIBIT: The Peoples Church Fine Arts Committee has installed its latest exhibit, "A Timeless Pallet: Moments Of Transient Emotion" by Nancy Kremsreiter. Feel free to walk around and view the new art show!

THE READING PEOPLE: The Reading People will meet **Thursday, March 21st at 1:30 p.m. in the Robertson**. All are invited to join at 1 p.m. for a pre-meeting fellowship with sack lunches. March is Women's history month so we ask members to read of a woman that they find interesting and share her story to the group. Contact Mary Anne at malarz@aol.com for more information.

THE KNITTING PEOPLE: The Knitting People will meet on Thursday, March 28 in the Robertson Room from 1-3 p.m. to bless completed items, work on current projects, to share patterns, knitting and crocheting hints, and to enjoy a time of fellowship. New knitters and crocheters are invited to join us as we create baptismal blankets, prayer shawls, hats, mittens and slippers. For more information, contact Mary Anne Larzelere at malarz@aol.com.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH: Ladies Lunch Bunch will be meeting again at **noon on Wednesday, March 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.

CARDBOARD PROPHETS MARCH DONATIONS: In 2024, The Peoples Church will be collecting a specific item each month to donate to Cardboard prophets, a Lansing-based group that provides help to the homeless. We are not asking for new items, but items that are donated must be laundered and in good repair. If you have gently used and clean items, please place them in the blue plastic storage bin located near the church office on the east side of the sanctuary. **In March**, we are collecting duffle bags, backpacks and suitcases.

INVITATION TO FINE ARTS COMMITTEE: The Fine Arts Committee (FAC) plays a vital role in enhancing the spiritual and cultural life of our church community. FAC is seeking individuals with a passion for the arts, including visual arts, music, and other creative expressions. Whether you're an artist, musician, actor, or simply someone who appreciates the arts, you are welcome to contribute your talents and enthusiasm to the growing FAC committee. If interested in joining FAC, please contact the church office by emailing office@thepeopleschurch.com.

PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

ACHE: Adults Connecting & Having Events is a group for young adults that meets twice a month for events and outings. For more information about ACHE, email Pastor Haley at hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com, and follow “ACHE The Peoples Church” on Facebook and “ache_thepeopleschurch” on Instagram.

CHICs: ‘Connected Hearts In Christ’ (CHICs) is back! CHICs will meet in the Robertson Room on the **second Thursday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** CHICs is a women’s group that meets for devotionals, discussion, and fellowship. To learn more about CHICs, please email Traci Dudley at tracidudley@gmail.com, or Susan Godfrey at s.godfrey@sbcglobal.net.

COLLEGE MINISTRY: Campus/College Ministry is specifically for college age folks to meet and connect for fellowship and special events. Campus Ministry usually meets twice a month for events and outings. For more information, contact Pastor Haley by emailing hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com., and follow Peoples Church Campus Ministry on Facebook and Instagram.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Pastor Shawnthea leads a **Wednesday Zoom session from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.** The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81926804577>. This week’s passage is Jeremiah 31:31-34.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: Today, PCYG will have D&D Club **2-5 p.m.**, Coppertones rehearsal **5:15-6:00 p.m.**, Youth Choir rehearsal **6-6:30 p.m.**, and regular Sunday evening gathering **6:30-8 p.m.**

PORCH OF HEAVEN: Porch of Heaven is a Lectio Divina service that takes place **Mondays at 6:15 p.m. in the Fischbach Library.** It involves reading scripture, silence, mindfulness and sharing. Visit Porch of Heaven tomorrow evening, or email Tom Schaberg at tschaberg1@gmail.com for more information.

PUB THEOLOGY: Pub Theology is a once a month gathering at Crunchy’s to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world. The next Pub Theology gathering will be **Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m.**

TAIZE SERVICE: Our March Taize service is **March 24 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chapel. Taize services take place on **the fourth Sunday of every month**, and consist of repetitive and meditative singing, prayer, scripture, and silence. It is a powerful, quiet, contemplative worship experience. All are welcome.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN’S GROUP: The Tuesday Men’s Group will discuss the book, “Short Stories by Jesus—The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi” by Amy Jill-Levine, **Tuesday in the Robertson Room at 7:30 a.m.**

WEDNESDAY MEN’S GROUP: Join the men’s Wednesday discussion group that meets **every Wednesday at noon in The Robertson Room** for good conversation and donuts. The group is currently reading ‘The Christian Agnostic’ by Leslie D. Weatherhead.

WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH: Join us **every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** in Snider Social Hall for a community dinner! Dance aerobics will be held in the gym at **6 p.m.** and Pastor Haley will be hosting her Bible study at **6:30 p.m.** this week.