

Sanctuary Service, March 24, 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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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!

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Please take this opportunity to fill out the black attendance pad found at the end of your pew.

Prelude

Old Rugged Cross
Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship**

One Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All Hosanna! Rejoice, for the Lord is in our midst!

One He comes with joy and hope.

All He comes to set us free from fear.

One Hosanna!

All Hosanna! Glory to God in the highest heaven!

***Gathering Hymn**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (v. 1-4)

no. 196

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. Refrain.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. Refrain.

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. Refrain.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! Refrain.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are quick to shout hosannas to praise you. With eager hands, we place our cloaks and palms on the path before you. Yet we confess that we are fickle. We easily turn from shouts of joy to taunts of hatred. We abandon your way when things get difficult. Forgive our faithlessness, O God. Forgive our bold betrayal, and restore our hearts to you. 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

Ride On, Ride On In Majesty

Henry Kihlkem

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Ride on, ride on in Majesty! Hark, all the tribes Hosanna cry! O Savior meek, pursue thy road with palms and scattered garments strowed. Ride on, ride on in Majesty! Ride on, Ride on in Majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die! O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin. Ride on, ride on in Majesty! Angelic squadrons of the skies look down with sad and wondering eyes to see approaching sacrifice. Ride on, ride on in Majesty! Ride on, ride on in Majesty! In lowly pomp rise on to die! Bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power and reign. Ride on, ride on in Majesty!

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11

Sermon

“Scripture as Script”

Rev. Haley Hansen

Hymn of Response

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" v. 1-3

no. 197

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud; the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our redeemer; the Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Text: Jennette Threlfall (1873)
Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle (1784)
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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

Offertory

Ride On, King Jesus

arr. Valerie Stephenson

Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

***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 honor you this day, O God, with our faithful tithes and offerings. We lay these gifts before you, humble tokens of our love, and pray you might use them for the glory of your Kingdom. Amen.

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns composed so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

When I survey the Wondrous Cross
Text: Isaac Watts, 1707
Music: Lowell Mason, 1824
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***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Postlude

The Royal Banners Forward Go
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Wilbur Held



Floral Dedication:
In honor of Mary Hill's 90th birthday!
From her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

PCYG CAKE AUCTION: PCYG's annual cake auction is coming up on **April 14**, and we need YOU! Whether you're a baker or just someone who loves to eat sweet treats, there's a place for you at the cake auction. This year we will have a cupcake walk (bring your dollar bills!), a silent auction, and a live auction of just a few items. The cake auction will begin **right after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Robertson Room, and will wrap up at 12:15 p.m.** If you're willing to bake (coffee cake, pie, brownies, or any sweet treat!), please email Elisha Smith at smith@thepeopleschurch.com to reserve a spot! We are still in need of many treats for this year's auction. We hope you can join us for some tasty treats on April 14!

ANNOUNCEMENTS Cont.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: Monday Bible Study meets at **11 a.m. in the Robertson Room**. We are using N.T. Wright's Study Guide to "Matthew." Contact Pastor Shawnthea Monroe for further details.

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

TOWN AND GOWN: Town and Gown will be held **March 26 in the Robertson Room from 5-6:30 p.m.** Stephen Pryzbylinski will be discussing the topic of tent city encampment/village movement as a response to homelessness on the U.S. west coast. T&G meets twice a month, their next meeting will be April 9.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH: Ladies Lunch Bunch will be meeting again at **noon this 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.

THE KNITTING PEOPLE: The Knitting People will meet **this 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.

TPC TALK 'N TOUR: The TPC Talk 'n Tour (TNT) will take place **Sunday, April 7 after the 10:30 a.m. service**. Please meet in the Sanctuary to learn more about this beautiful church. The tour will take about 45 minutes.

VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY: Mark your calendars for next month, **April 7**, when we will hear from Professor Greg Dooley (who grew up in Peoples Church) on a topic of concern, and that is recent changes in College Sports; The Portal and NIL (Name, Image and Likeness). Greg teaches three popular classes at "the school down the road" related to The History of the Big Ten, NIL, Portal and Beyond. You won't want to miss this!

THE READING PEOPLE: The Reading People will meet **in the Robertson Room, April 18, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.** to discuss *A Rip in Heaven*, by Jeanine Cummins, with our discussion led by Margie Steinkamp. We welcome you to come at 1 p.m. with your sack lunch for a time of conversation and fellowship before our discussion. All are welcome!

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 duffel bags, backpacks and suitcases.

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 Mark 16:1-8.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: There will be no PCYG today.

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 **tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.** Taize services take place on the **fourth Sunday of every month**, and consists 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.
