

# Easter Sunday Service, March 31, 2024



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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### SERVICE INFORMATION

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

There is no Sunday School today.

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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worship service, you  
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### *Prayer of Confession*

God of life, we come to you hungry for good news. Our senses are dulled by doubt and distraction. Our ears do not hear the songs of angels. Our eyes do not see the light of your glory. We are so consumed with our own wants and desires that we have neglected the needs of others. Shake us awake, O God, and revive our faith. Help us remember that the tomb is empty, Christ is risen and our sins are forgiven. We pray all this in the name of your son, Jesus. Amen.

### *Moment of Silent Reflection*

### *Assurance of Pardon*

#### *\*Confession Response*

Thine Is The Glory

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

### *Passing the Peace of Christ*

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

### *Children's Moment*

### *Choir Anthem*

Hilariter

arr. K. Lee Scott

Let all the world with joy resound, Hilariter, hilariter! For Christ the powers of death cast down, Alleluia! Throughout the earth his praises sing, Hilariter, hilariter! Let all the courts of heaven ring, Alleluia! The singing birds lift high their voice: Hilariter, hilariter! The trees in verdure all rejoice, Alleluia! The sun more brightly mounts the sky, Hilariter, hilariter! To honor him, our Lord most high, Alleluia! To God, the Father, Son be given, Hilariter, hilariter! With Spirit, praise in highest heaven, Alleluia! Sing alleluia!

### *Scripture Reading*

Mark 16:1-8

### *Sermon*

“What’s Next?”

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

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*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

*Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.*

*Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!*

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!  
Text: Brian Wren (1984)  
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1824)  
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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***

An Easter Celebration

arr. Craig Courtney

O sons and daughters of the King, whom heavenly hosts in glory sing, today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia! The strife is over, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won! Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia! Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son; Endless is the victory thou over death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay. Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son, endless is the victory thou over death hast won! Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia! Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

## **\*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, we dedicate this Easter offering to you. May these gifts be a source of hope and resurrection in the lives of people in need. We give and we serve because we believe. Amen.**

*You are invited to join the choir for the Hallelujah Chorus. Music is provided.*

*If interested, please make your way to the front of the Sanctuary during the sending hymn.*

## **\*Sending Hymn**

The Day Resurrection! (v. 1-3)

no. 233

*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.*

*Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright, the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.*

*Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin; the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.*

The Day Resurrection!  
Text: John of Damascus, 8th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1862, alt.  
Music: Henry Thomas, c. 1835  
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## **\*Benediction**

### **\*Benediction Response**

Hallelujah Chorus

G.F. Handel

### **Postlude**

Carillon

Louis Vierne

Judy Kabodian, Organist

*The Peoples Church extends a warm thank you to the talented musicians who took part in today's service: Austin Blower, Chase Domke, Nicolas Gonzales and Neil Mueller.*

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

### **THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 1ST.**

**MONDAY BIBLE STUDY:** There will be no bible study Monday.

**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. Greg will address recent changes in college sports; The Portal and NIL (Name, Image and Likeness). Greg teaches three popular classes at U of M related to the history of the Big Ten, NIL, Portal and Beyond. You won't want to miss this!

**TOWN AND GOWN:** Town and Gown will be held **April 9 in the Robertson Room from 5-6:30 p.m.** Scott Counts, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Translational Neuroscience, will be discussing "The Latest in Dementia Research".

**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 [esmith@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:esmith@thepeopleschurch.com) to reserve a spot!

**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!

**SOUPER SUNDAY:** Mark your calendars for SOUPER-Sunday. Plan to stay after church on **April 21** for soup, salad, bread and dessert. Come one, come all and enjoy good food, some great photos and other artifacts from the Church archives. Most of all come to enjoy the wonderful fellowship. Suggested cost is \$5 per person. NO reservations required. See you there!

**CARDBOARD PROPHETS APRIL 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 April**, we are collecting men's and women's shorts, shirts and belts.

## **PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH**

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:tracidudley@gmail.com), or Susan Godfrey at [s.godfrey@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto:hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com)., and follow Peoples Church Campus Ministry on Facebook and Instagram.

**ENGAGING THE WORD:** No class this week, join us next week!

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

**PORCH OF HEAVEN:** There will be no Porch of Heaven Monday.

**PUB THEOLOGY:** Pub Theology is a once a month gathering at HopCat 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.**

**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.

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