

# Sanctuary Service

## April 16, 2023



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823

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### Sunday Schedule

Chapel Service: 8:30 a.m.

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

Sunday School available after the children's message.

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.

### W@PC

Wednesdays @ Peoples Church is a weekly community dinner followed by programming. Join us at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall!

### ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome ASL interpreters for our Sunday worship service and for special events.

### Sensory Tool Kit

A Sensory Tool Kit is reserved for individuals who get overstimulated 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. Diane Shafer, 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, dial (844) 933-0517 and follow prompts.

## MAKE A GIFT ONLINE

[CLICK HERE!](#)



# Order of Service | April 16, 2023

## **Prelude**

## **Praise God!**

Nancy Harrison, arr. Tammy Rawlinson

## **For the Beauty of the Earth**

arr. Hart Morris

Coppertones Directed by Elizabeth Reed

*Acolytes: Alazne & Malaki*

*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**

Julie DeGraw

One Come again to celebrate the resurrection.  
God gives new birth to us again and again.

**All Death has no power over us.  
Christ leads the way to the new life God offers.**

One Blessed be the God of our salvation!  
Blessed be our Savior Jesus Christ.

**All Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice!  
Let us give thanks and praise and sing to the Lord!**

One Christ is risen!

**All Christ is risen, indeed!**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! (v. 1, 3, & 4)

no. 239

*Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord the life laid down, the life restored: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

Text: Cyril A. Alington (1931)

Music: Melchior Vulpius (1609); harm. Pilgrim Hymnal (1958)

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### ***Prayer of Confession***

**Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your truth to what we can understand. Forgive us for chasing after gods of our own making. We are so busy with our own plans that we fail to see your larger reality. Jesus expanded our understanding of your love, but we still spend our time worrying about who is acceptable. Our lack of love and our nagging fears plunge us into despair. Forgive our sins and be a refuge for us in times of trouble. We pray in the name of our risen Savior, 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 Message***

We Love You Mrs. Mitchell

### ***Anthem***

My Master From a Garden Rose  
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathon Reed

Eleanor Daley

My Master in a garden lay, perfumed with spices rare, for tender hands had laid him there to rest amid the roses. 'Twas on a cross they laid him bare, and pierced his hands with nails, that we poor men might live again and be with him in glory. Alleluia. My Master from a garden rose to go for us to heaven, and he will come and take us there, to be with him forever. Alleluia. Amen.

### ***First Scripture Reading***

Psalm 16

Julie DeGraw

### ***Second Scripture Reading***

John 20:19-31

### ***Sermon***

"Can This Be True?"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

## **Hymn of Response**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight (v. 1-4)

no. 817

*We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."*

*We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"*

*Help then O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.*

*And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.*

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Text: Henry Alford (1844)

Music: Samuel McFarland (1814); harm. Richard Proulx (1986)

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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**



*To make a gift online, please scan the QR code.*

### **\*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**

**Holy God, you have touched our mortal lives with immortal hope. Accept these gifts as an expression of our thanks and our desire to serve Jesus with our whole hearts. Bless the ministry of this church and the lives of all your children. Amen.**

*That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.*

*He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide, the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.*

*From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield; O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Easter tide.*

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright  
Text: Latin Hymn (5th cent.); trans. John Mason Neale (1852)  
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**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

**Postlude**

The Strife is O'er  
Judy Kabodian, Organist

arr. Healey Willan



**COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP**

Join us for Coffee and Conversation in **Friendship Hall** following the service!  
We hope you will join us!

***PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH***

**ACHE:** Adults Connecting and Having Events is a young adult group that meets on **the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.** To keep up with events, follow us on Instagram: [ache\\_thepeopleschurch](#). Join us **Friday, 4/21** for a potluck and game night to welcome Haley Hansen!

**CHICs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST):** CHICs (Connected Hearts in Christ) Women's Small Group is currently reading *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. If you are interested in joining the group or have questions, contact Beth Lundy at [lundybb@comcast.net](mailto:lundybb@comcast.net) or (610)246-0029.

## ***PROGRAMMING (cont.)***

**CAMPUS MINISTRY:** Join us **today after the 10:30 service**, and we will plan the Campus Ministry reception for Rev. Hansen. Then join us **Sunday, April 23** in the campus lounge for a welcome lunch for Rev. Hansen where we will introduce ourselves. We will also hand out exam treats!

**EARTH STEWARDSHIP:** The Earth Stewardship Committee is sponsoring a special Voices of the Community event on **Sunday, April 23 at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room** for a conversation with Roxanne Case, the executive director of Ingham County Land Bank, about creating place, community, and opportunity.

**ENGAGING THE WORD:** Led by Pastor Shawnthea, this group meets in-person on **Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Robertson Room and Wednesdays on Zoom from 9 to 10 a.m.** The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88178100531>. This week's scripture is Luke 24:13-35.

**MEN'S WEDNESDAY NOON DISCUSSION GROUP:** Please join us in the Robertson Room for our discussion of "The Sin of Certainty" by Peter Enns.

**PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP:** The PCYG annual cake auction is **today until 12:45 p.m.!** Support our mission trip to Chicago this fall! This is silent auction style! Stop by after the 10:30 service!

**PUB THEOLOGY:** We meet on the **second Thursday each month, 6:30 p.m. at Crunchy's** to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world. Join us **May 11th!**

**TAIZE SERVICE:** The next Taize service is **Sunday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m.** Services consist of repetitive and meditative singing, prayer, scripture, and silence. It is a powerful, quiet, contemplative worship experience. This service is inter-denominational and all are welcome.

**THE KNITTING PEOPLE:** Welcome knitters and crocheters! Our next meeting is **April 27th, 1-3 p.m. in the Robertson Room.** Please bring completed blankets, hats, mittens, slippers, and other items for blessing and sharing. New knitters? We have needles and yarn to help you get started! We enjoy a time of fellowship and sharing our projects with one another and the wider community.

**THE READING PEOPLE:** Please join us for our next book discussion on **Thursday, April 20 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Robertson Room. We will discuss 'The Tattooist of Auschwitz' by Heather Morris.

**TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP:** The Tuesday Morning Men's Group is currently reading 'Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents' by Isabel Wilkerson. We continue to meet at **7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** Great news! We've added a new members class **Sunday, April 23 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Centennial Room. No RSVP is required. Childcare can be provided by request only. Questions? Contact the church office, or contact Robin Matheson by calling (517) 290-3223 or emailing matheso4@msu.edu.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH:** Ladies Lunch Bunch is having lunch at Coral Gables on **Wednesday, April 26 at 12 p.m.** for friendship and fun. We have to send a headcount ahead of time so they can set our table, so please contact Joan Wright by calling (517) 349-1074 if you wish to attend.

**ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE AND JEWELRY SALE:** The annual used book sale and jewelry sale is coming up **Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Book donations will be accepted until Monday, May 15, and jewelry donations are accepted year-round.

**SUMMER WORSHIP:** Our summer worship services begin **Sunday, May 28.** Through the summer there will only be one service at **9:30 a.m.**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** It's time to register for VBS! This year our Vacation Bible School will be at the church, **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., June 19-23.** We are planning a super fun week with half day VBS, half day summer camp. Our campers will enjoy a trip to the zoo, a Grand Finale production, and more! As always, we can't do VBS without your help! We need adult volunteers to be field trip chaperones and station leaders (science, crafts, mission, games) and teenagers to be crew leaders. Please call (989) 318-3293, or email [vbs@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:vbs@thepeopleschurch.com) for more information. Scan the QR code to register your children. Cost is \$75 with \$10 off registrations submitted before Thursday, May 25.

