

# Sanctuary Service

## August 20, 2023



## THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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

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### Sunday (Summer) Schedule

Sanctuary Service: 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Livestreamed on YouTube.

Sunday School takes place after the children's moment.

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, you can find **The Peoples Church of East Lansing on YouTube!**

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# Order of Service | August 20, 2023

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

## **Prelude**

Be Thou My Vision  
Vicki Walker, Piano

arr. Mark Hayes

## **Welcome**

## **\*Call to Worship**

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

One God has opened the doors of this sanctuary.  
In the name of Jesus, you are welcome here.

**All No matter where we are on life's journey,  
We are welcome in this place.**

One No one stands outside of God's love and mercy.  
In the name of Christ, you are welcome here.

**All How wonderful it is to be in the house of the Lord!  
We will rejoice and sing praises to God!**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

Here in This Place (v. 1, 2, 4)

no. 401

*Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

### *Prayer of Confession*

Dear God, you know we love our creature comforts. We do not worry about shelter or food; we do not wonder if our rights will be respected. Even those of us without many resources lead privileged lives. We are blessed in such abundance that we take it all for granted. We envy the rich and famous; we pity the poor and distressed with pity. Yet we are all one family, called to love and care for one another, despite our differences. Help us to walk the humble path that Jesus walked. Help us to love as Jesus loved. Help us to forgive others as you have forgiven us. This is our hope and our prayer. Amen.

### *Moment of Silent Reflection*

### *Assurance of Pardon*

### *\*Confession Response*

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

no. 286

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

### *Passing the Peace of Christ*

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

### *Children's Moment*

### *Special Music*

Offertory

John Ness Beck

Melanie Walker, Soprano

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, shall I come before him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

### *Scripture Reading*

Matthew 15:21-28

**Hymn of Response**

Together We Serve (v. 1-4)

no. 767

*Together we serve, united by love, inviting God’s world to the glorious feast. We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending God’s love to the last and the least.*

*We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.*

*We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor, the busy, the lonely, and all who need care. We offer a home to those who will come, our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.*

*Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong. Together we serve in Spirit of truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.*

Together We Serve  
Text & Music: Daniel Charles Damon, 1996  
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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**

**Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to an abundant life. May this act of giving be a sign of our desire to follow where you lead. Bless this offering and the ministry it supports. Amen.**

## ***Sending Hymn***

There is Now a New Creation (v. 1-5)

no. 774

*There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ, peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life!*

*Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone: now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.*

*Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child. All is finished and forgiven; let us now be reconciled.*

*Come and join the celebration; come and join this happy feast; Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.*

*There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ. Sing, with thanks and adoration, to the God of endless life!*

There Is Now a New Creation  
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## ***\*Benediction***

## ***Postlude***

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven  
Vicki Walker, Piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**KICKOFF SUNDAY:** Our 2023 Kickoff Sunday is **September 10 at 10:30 a.m.!** There will be a chicken dinner directly following the service.

**RETURNING TO TWO SERVICES:** On **Sunday, September 10**, Kickoff Sunday, our **10:30 a.m.** service will resume. Our **8:30 a.m.** service will resume the following week on **Sunday, September 17.**

**CONFIRMATION NOTICE:** Dr. Monroe will be teaching this year's confirmation class. If you, or someone you know, is 13 or 14 years old and would like a chance to take a deep dive into the Christian faith, please contact Dr. Monroe by sending an email to [smonroe@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:smonroe@thepeopleschurch.com).

**2023 WOMEN'S RETREAT:** You will not want to miss this year's women's retreat at the **St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt on Friday, September 22 and Saturday, September 23!** Join us for conversation, fellowship, and worship. This year's presenter is Shannon Craigo-Snell, who will lead a conversation about Serving God With Our Whole Selves. The cost is \$120 single occupancy or \$105 double occupancy, which covers the program, four meals, and all accommodations. If you would like to register, or have questions about the retreat, please contact Beth Lundy by emailing [Blundy@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:Blundy@thepeopleschurch.com). Scholarships are available upon request.

**ASL INTERPRETERS NEEDED:** We are looking for more ASL (American Sign Language) interpreters to help interpret during our services. Duties would include interpreting during our Sunday worship services, holiday services, and some special events. If you (or someone you know) are an ASL interpreter and are interested in serving in this vital ministry at The Peoples Church, please contact us by emailing [office@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:office@thepeopleschurch.com), or by calling our office, (517) 332-5073, for more details about scheduling and compensation.

**JOIN SANCTUARY CHOIR & HANDBELL CHOIR:** Fall is almost upon us, which means it's time again for Sanctuary Choir and Clarion Ringers to begin rehearsals and Sunday performances. Whether you previously sang and rang with the choirs, or if you haven't but would like to try, you're invited to check it out! The **Clarion Ringers rehearse Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.**, and the **Sanctuary Choir rehearses Thursdays at 7 p.m.** Sanctuary Choir's **first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 7.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Love Clothing Center is in desperate need of volunteer teams to help during the back-to-school season. The center is located at Judson Memorial Baptist Church in Lansing, and is open 9 a.m.— 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays from August 5 until September 30. Volunteers help parents find clothing for their children, sort and bag clothing, and aid center coordinators with a variety of tasks. To learn more about volunteering at Love Clothing Center, send an email to [cslansing@outlook.com](mailto:cslansing@outlook.com), or call (517) 394-5413.

## ***PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH***

**ACHE:** Adults Connecting and Having Events is a young adult group that meets twice a month. To keep up with events, follow us on Instagram @ache\_thepeopleschurch, or contact Pastor Haley by emailing hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com.

**ENGAGING THE WORD:** Pastor Haley leads the in-person study group on **Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Robertson Room**, and Pastor Shawnthea leads the **Wednesday Zoom session from 9 to 10 a.m.** The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86068627263>. The passage for this week is Matthew 16:13-20.

**PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP:** PCYG will resume its normal Sunday meeting time **beginning Sunday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m.** This is the time of the year when we welcome our incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students! If you know any new (or older) students who are interested in PCYG please contact our youth director, Elisha, by emailing esmith@thepeopleschurch.com.

**PUB THEOLOGY:** We meet on the **first Tuesday each month, 6:00 p.m. at Crunchy's** to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world.

**TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP:** The Tuesday Morning Men's Group is currently reading 'Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home' by Richard Foster. We continue to meet at **7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.**

**VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY:** Voices of the Community" commences again **September 10 at 9:30 a.m.** with an incredible speaker, **Johnny Agar from Rockford, Michigan.** Johnny was born with Cerebral Palsy, but has achieved many goals in his 28 years with the help of his family and "Team Agar." Johnny was featured on CBS twice within the last few months, and he and his father have been invited to compete in the Hawaiian Ironman 2024. Johnny also wrote a book entitled 'The Impossible Mile: The Power of Living One Step at a Time.' Join us in The Robertson Room to hear Johnny's incredible story.

**WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH:** During the month of August, we are taking a break from our **Wednesday evening community dinners!** Join us **Wednesday, September 13** when they resume! At **6:30**, Shawnthea Monroe teaches dance aerobics in the gym. All are welcome! (Faith & the News Bible study will not meet through the summer.)

