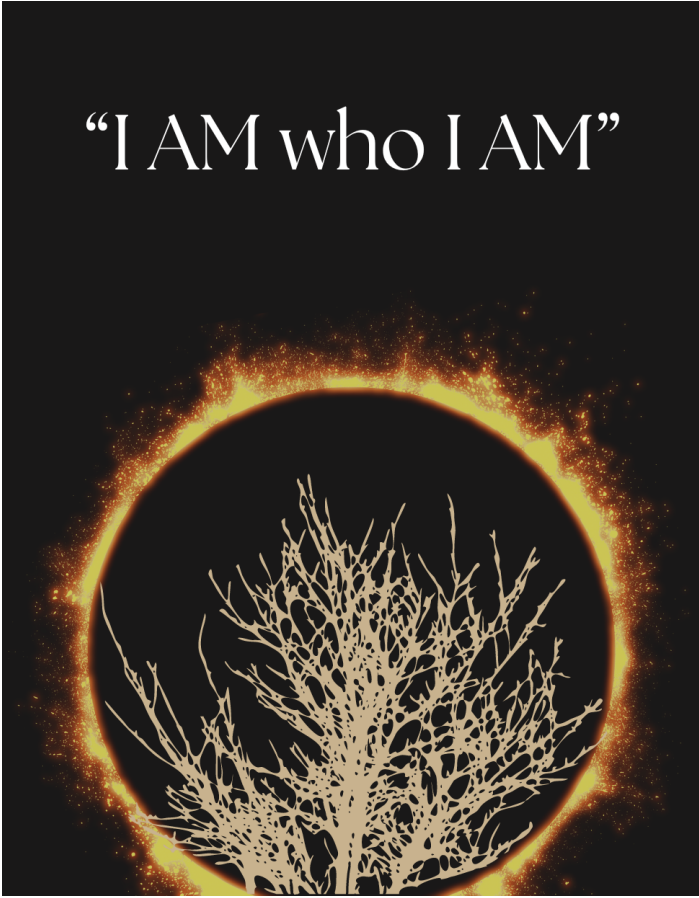


Sanctuary Service

September 3, 2023

“I AM who I AM”



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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Sunday (Summer) Schedule

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

There is NO Sunday School this morning.

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

Prelude

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Judy Kabodian, Organist

arr. Gilbert Martin

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Haley Hansen

One: Come to this place to see what God has done.

All: We are standing on holy ground.

One: All those who have gone before us have witnessed to the great love of God.

All: We seek the God of our ancestors knowing we may be called to new places.

One: Lord, open our hearts and spirits to accept the call to serve You. We are ready to worship and find You in this place.

***Gathering Hymn**

Sing Glory to the Name of God (v. 1-4)

no. 10

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia! Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light. Alleluia, alleluia! The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is wild and free, whirl in holy mystery. Alleluia, alleluia! A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by the temple choir: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia! Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing Glory to the Name of God
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Prayer of Confession

God of Mystery, we stand in awe of the depth and breadth of your love. Time and time again, you turn our expectations upside down. And still we don't always understand the radical nature of your grace. We live by our own definitions of justice and exclude those we are called to love and defend. We try to put you and your Word in a box that fits neatly into our lives. In our most difficult moments, we even doubt if we are worthy of your trust. Surprise us again, O God. Help us remember that you give us all that we need. Remind us that through the solid foundation of your love, we find the strength to follow your call as true disciples of Jesus Christ. 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

Shepherd Me, O God
Lydia Skrlec-Erickson, Soprano

Marty Haugen

Refrain: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want; I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love; I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **Refrain.**

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul; you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth; my spirit shall sing the music of your name. **Refrain.**

Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side; your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. **Refrain.**

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. **Refrain.**

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. **Refrain.**

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

Sermon

“Who am I?”

Rev. Haley Hansen

Hymn of Response

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud (v. 1-3)

no. 11

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud, Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light, Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might, Life whose life all life endowed: May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name but the truth behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.

Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine, Shepherd, Savior, Servant, Lamb, Well and Water, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM: May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name but the truth behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.

Storm and Stillness, Breath and Dove, Thunder, Tempest, Whirlwind, Fire, Comfort, Counselor, Presence, Love, Energies that never tire: May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name but the truth behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

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Music: Joseph Parry (1876)

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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Haley Hansen

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



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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

God of many names, we offer you these gifts for the work of building your kingdom. Bless us as you blessed Moses before us, that we may do your holy work. Guide our steps, and bless this offering, so that the world may be touched by your love. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Jay Althouse

Lydia Skrlec-Erickson

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, as we have received these gifts of bread and cup, you have fed us what we need, sparing none of your good gifts in Jesus Christ. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us as one body, and strengthen us as we serve in Christ's name. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Our Help is in the Name of God (v. 1-3)

no. 330

Our help is in the name of God the Lord, the One who made the heavens with a word, creator of the world, each living thing. Come, bless the Lord, lift up your hearts and sing: "Our help is in the name of God the Lord."

When evil seems to have the upper hand, call on God's name: the Lord, the great "I AM." When troubles rise and all around gives way, remember God stays with us night and day. Our help is in the name of God the Lord.

Praise God the Lord who hears the captives' prayer. Like birds escaping from the fowler's snare we are set free; our praises now ascend: "Blessed be the Lord: Creator, Savior, Friend. Our help is in the name of God the Lord."

Our Help Is in the Name of God
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****Benediction***

Benediction Response

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Homer Whitford

Judy Kabodian, Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KICKOFF SUNDAY: Our 2023 Kickoff Sunday is next week, **September 10 at 10:30 a.m.!** There will be a chicken dinner directly following the service. There will NOT be Sunday School.

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.**

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: Interested in learning more about The Peoples Church? Join us for a New Members Class on Sunday, September 17 at 11:30 a.m. To RSVP, send an email to blundy@thepeopleschurch.com. Please indicate if you need childcare and it will be provided.

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. Scholarships are available upon request.

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.

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, 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.**

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH: Ladies Lunch Bunch is picking back up for a lunch at **noon on Wednesday, September 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, or make an email confirmation if you are already part of a previous Ladies Lunch Bunch email chain.

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.

COLLEGE MINISTRY: Campus/college ministry is picking up some familiar and new activities this fall! College students are welcome to meet **in the Campus Lounge on Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. service** for a free lunch! College students are also welcome **Thursdays at 5 p.m.** for dinner and an activity; each Thursday of the month there will be a different activity following dinner. For more information, contact Pastor Haley by emailing hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Pastor Shawnthea leads the in-person study group on **Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Robertson Room**, and 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 Romans 12:9-18. Pastor Haley leads a Bible Study at **9:30 a.m. on Sundays in the Campus Lounge**.

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 6th 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. Checkout Pub Theology on **Tuesday, September 5!**

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**, Pastor Shawnthea teaches dance aerobics in the gym and Pastor Haley teaches a financial wellness course. All are welcome!