

Sanctuary Service

October 1, 2023



"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he returns."

1 Corinthians 11:26

SERVICE INFORMATION

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

There is Sunday School 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.



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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 | October 1, 2023 | World Communion Sunday

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

Prelude

Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Johann Pachelbel

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

One Throughout the world, we come to God's table.
All are welcome here!

**All We come from near and far,
Yet we are all welcome in this place.**

One Though we differ in language, custom and tradition,
We are one in Christ Jesus.

**All There is one Lord, one faith and one baptism!
We are one in God's Spirit.**

One In this place, at this time,
We remember our Lord Jesus.

**All Through Christ, we are made whole.
Through Christ, we are made one.
Come, let us worship the God of our salvation!**

***Gathering Hymn**

Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven (v. 1-4)

no. 511

Come, behold! The feast of heaven, Alleluia! Has to mortal flesh been given. Alleluia! Hear the Word of God declared: Alleluia! "Come! The banquet is prepared." Alleluia!

All is ready, come attend, Alleluia! As the Lord's invited friend; Alleluia! Come from north, west, south, and east; Alleluia! Celebrate the joyful feast. Alleluia!

All who trust in God belong, Alleluia! At this banquet with this throng. Alleluia! Share the mystic holy food; Alleluia! Taste and see: the Lord is good. Alleluia!

As the Lord our God has willed, Alleluia! Here the hungry soul is filled; Alleluia! Here the weary are refreshed. Alleluia! All who share God's feast are blessed. Alleluia!

Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven

Text: Joh F. Underwood (1993)

Music: Robert Williams (1817); harm. David Evans (1927)

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Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, we have created an economy of scarcity. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride and arrogance, we've allowed many to go hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our fear and discord, we have made the world a desert. We long for your abundance, we hunger for your presence, we thirst for justice. Have mercy on us and forgive us once again. It is through your son we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

There is Now a New Creation

no. 774

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Moment

Anthem

I Am With You

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

I, the Lord your God, am mighty to save. I will take great delight, great delight, great delight in you, I will take great delight, great delight, great delight in you. I, the Lord your God, am mighty to save. I will quiet you, quiet you with my love, I will quiet you, quiet you with my love. I, the Lord your God, will rejoice over you with singing, with singing. I, the Lord your God, I am with you, I am with you.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

Sermon

"In Essentials, Unity"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We Are One in the Spirit
Text & Music: Peter Scholtes, 1966
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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**

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

Gracious God, your grace has given us more than we can ever repay. With thankful hearts, we ask you to accept these humble gifts. May this offering empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace in this world. We pray this in Jesus name, now and forever, Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord, you have fed us at your table. May this earthly meal among people divided be a source of grace, courage and strength until all your children are united. May we go into the world with the light of Christ in our hearts and the world of Christ in our hands. Amen.

Sending Hymn

In Christ Called to Baptize (v. 1-4)

no. 297

In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace and gather a people from each land and race. In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death, then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.

In Christ called to banquet, one table we share, a haven of welcome, a circle of care. Although we are many, we share in one bread. One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.

In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach the life-giving gospel; God's love we will teach. By grace may our living give proof to our praise in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.

Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for you are within us, around us, above. Equip us for service with gifts you bestow. In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.

In Christ Called to Baptize

Text: Ruth Duck, 1995

Music: Welsh folk Melody; adpt. in *Caniadu y Cyssegr*, 1839

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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

At the Name of Jesus
Judy Kabodian, Organist

arr. George Brandon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH TOURS: If you would like to learn more about the history and ministry of The Peoples Church, please join us **today** for "The Peoples Church Talk and Tour." To participate in the guided tour, come to the front of the sanctuary at the end of the service. The tour will take about 45 minutes.

LAY READERS: We are currently seeking lay readers for our 10:30 service. If you are interested in serving as a lay reader, please contact Beth Lundy by emailing Blundy@thepeopleschurch.com.

CROP HUNGER WALK: The Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk is **Sunday October 8, beginning at 2 p.m.** The CROP Hunger Walk raises funds to fight world hunger and 25% of what is raised is allocated locally. Local agencies such as the Greater Lansing Food Bank, Southside Kitchen, and several other organizations that serve the community benefit from the walk. The walk is a 5K (3.2 miles) and will start at Grace United Methodist Church on Boston Ave. Lansing, MI, rain or shine. For more information about the walk, see the informational display in Friendship Hall. You can sign up to walk or make a contribution to The Peoples Church walk team by visiting the following link online: events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/the-peoples-church. Questions about the walk and The Peoples Church walk team can be emailed to Susan Kilmer, sdkilmer@aol.com.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Trunk or Treat is coming up! Bring your young trick or treaters to our parking lot on **Saturday, October 28 from 6-7 p.m.** for costumes, treats, and fun! All are welcome! If you would like to volunteer your trunk or donate some treats to help with this event, please contact our Children's Ed. Director, Alexa, by emailing ahayes-murray@thepeopleschurch.com.

HENRY & ANNABEL LARZELERE MEMORIAL LECTURE: The Peoples Church is hosting Dr. Kristin Kobes Du Mez for our annual Henry & Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture on **Sunday, November 12 at 1 p.m.** The title of her lecture is 'Jesus & John Wayne and the Evangelical Reckoning.' Dr. Du Mez will give a brief presentation during our 10:30 a.m. sanctuary service, and there will be a luncheon following the service before her full lecture at 1 p.m. This free event is open to anyone who wants to attend, and all are welcome. Dr. Du Mez is a New York Times bestselling author and Professor of History and Gender Studies at Calvin University. She holds a PhD from the University of Notre Dame and her research focuses on the intersection of gender, religion, and politics. Her most recent book is 'Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation.' Our Fischbach Library is pleased to support the upcoming HAL Lecture by having 'Jesus and John Wayne' available for purchase every Sunday in October.

NYAKA FUNDRAISER: Nyaka Global is back with its One-By-One fundraiser, *Soaring Above Adversity*. Celebrate with the friends and Ugandan staff of Nyaka **at Urban Beat in Old Town Lansing on Thursday, October 12 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** For more information contact: info@nyakaglobal.org, or call 877-466-9252.

PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

ACHE: Adults Connecting and Having Events is a young adult group that meets twice a month. **This Friday, October 6 at 7 p.m.,** there will be a bonfire at the home of Zack and Rachel Matthews. Food will be provided with vegetarian, gluten free, and dairy free options, but bring your own beverages! To keep up with events, 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: Engaging the Word Bible study is cancelled both Monday and Wednesday this week, and will resume next week.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: PCYG is back to its regular Sunday meeting time **at 6:30 p.m.!** Next **Sunday, October 8,** Coppertones and youth choir rehearsals resume. Coppertones rehearse at **5 p.m.,** and youth choir rehearses at **5:45 p.m.** To participate in one or both of these music groups, just show up to a rehearsal! The PCYG Fall Retreat to Upper Sandusky Ohio is coming up **October 27 – October 29!** To register for the retreat, contact our youth director, Elisha, by emailing esmith@thepeopleschurch.com.

PORCH OF HEAVEN: Porch of Heaven is a Lectio Divina service that takes place **Mondays at 6:15 p.m. in the Telder Room.** Lectio Divina is a long-practiced method of reading scripture that can inspire new insights into biblical texts. It involves silence, mindfulness, and sharing. If you are curious about this new worship opportunity, try visiting Porch of Heaven tomorrow evening, or contact Tom Schaberg by emailing taschaberg1@gmail.com for more information.

PUB THEOLOGY: Pub Theology is an opportunity to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world. Our next Pub Theology gathering is **next Monday, October 2 at 6 p.m.** next door at Crunchy's. Everyone is welcome to join!

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.**

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. Currently the group is reading 'Saving Jesus From the Church' by Robin Meyers.

WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH: Our Wednesday Community Dinners are back! Join us **every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Snider Social Hall!** At **6 p.m.** Pastor Shawnthea teaches dance aerobics in the gym, and Pastor Haley teaches a financial wellness course at **6:30 p.m.** All are welcome!