

# Sanctuary Service

## October 16, 2022



### Sunday Schedule

Chapel Service: 8:30 a.m.

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

Sunday School begins 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

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**Rev. Penny Swartz, Minister Emeritus**

### COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. Bev Mason, 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  
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# Order of Service | October 16, 2022

**Prelude**

Aria  
Judy Kabodian, organist

Flor Peeters

**Acolytes**

Alazne Cadieux & Theo Eysselinck

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

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

## **\*Call to Worship**

One: We gather as a community of compassion and hope.

**All: Jesus calls us to care for each other gently and willingly.**

One: By this caring and sharing we will be known as followers of Jesus.

**All: By our example others may be led to lives of peace.**

One: Lord, open our hearts and minds this day to your word.

**All: Teach us to serve you with all our gifts and talents. Amen.**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (v. 1-5)

no. 610

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!*

*The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health and peace.*

*Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive; the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.*

*To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.*

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing  
Text: Charles Wesley, 1739  
Music: Carl Gotthelf Glaser, 1828  
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### *Prayer of Confession*

God of love and mercy, we confess that we have faltered in our service to you. We create division, we judge before we listen; we condemn before we make any attempt to understand. Our lives are in turmoil and we confess that we have turned away from you. Slow us down, Lord. Give us hearts overflowing with grace and compassion. Help us to mirror Jesus, who loved and healed others who were rejected by society. Remind us that we are called to be strong voices of hope for those who feel alienated and lost; we are called to be a home to strangers; to quench thirst and to give nourishment. Forgive us when we have forgotten these things. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### *Moment of Silent Reflection*

### *Assurance of Pardon*

*\*Confession Response*                      Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God (v. 1)                      no. 423

**Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.**

### *Passing the Peace of Christ*

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

### *Children's Moment*

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

### *Anthem*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise                      arr. Hal Hopson  
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed  
Melanie Walker, soloist

Immortal, invisible, inaccessible, and silent as light. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise! Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render, oh, help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee! Immortal, invisible, inaccessible, and silent as light.

### *Scripture*

Romans 12: 9-21

### *Sermon*

"The Greatest Invitation"

Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*

Though I May Speak

Text: Hal H. Hopson, 1972

Music: English folk melody, 1972

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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***

**Generous God, you have given us many gifts and drawn us together into Christ's body, the church. You have blessed us with generous and cheerful spirits. May the gifts of our money, time, and talents support the ministry of your church. Amen.**

*Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.*

*I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear. I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.*

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant  
Text & Music: Richard Gillard, 1977  
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**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

**Postlude**

Jubilee!  
Judy Kabodian, organist

Gilbert Martin

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## **PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH**

**COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP:** After the service, please join us in Friendship Hall for freshly brewed coffee, sweet treats, and fellowship!

**MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE:** Join Pastor Devon in the Robertson Room at 9:30 a.m. on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays for a lively discussion of scripture and current hot-button issues.

**VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY:** Held on the first Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room, these informative presentations give a voice to various community members on a wide range of topics. On November 6th, Brian Calley will speak on the topic: "Autism: Different, Not Less".

**CAMPUS MINISTRY:** Campus Ministry meets Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in the College Lounge.

**PCYG:** Combined middle and high school Youth Group will meet today from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Youth Den.

**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/81906921959>.



**WEDNESDAYS AT PEOPLES:** A community dinner will be held every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, followed by your choice of dance aerobics with Shawnthea Monroe, or bible study with Rev. Dr. Devon Herrell. We hope you can join us for Wednesdays @ Peoples Church!

**TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP:** The Tuesday Morning Men's Group is currently reading *The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God* by Dallas Willard. We continue to meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.

**MEN'S WEDNESDAY NOON DISCUSSION GROUP:** Join us in the Robertson Room to begin our discussion of the book "Why I Would Have Killed Jesus and You Might Have Too" By David Nelson.

**CHICs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST):** CHICs meets on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room. 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.

**TAIZE SERVICE:** Our Taizé Prayer Services are held on the Fourth Sunday (October 23rd) of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel. The 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. We are also looking for someone to play the piano for these services, if you are interested, please contact Sarah Dymond at [dymondsn@gmail.com](mailto:dymondsn@gmail.com).

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLOOD DRIVE:** On Wednesday, October 19th, American Red Cross will host a blood drive in the Robertson Room. To schedule an appointment, log on to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and use sponsor code 'Peoples Church EL' or call 1-800-733-2767.

**READING PEOPLE:** Susan Nowicki will lead our discussion on *The Collector's Daughter: A Novel of the Discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb*, by Gill Paul. We invite you to join us on Thursday, October 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room!

**REBEKAH-HANNAH CIRCLE:** We will meet for lunch, conversation, and celebration at Coral Gables on Wednesday, October 26th at 12 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**HAL LECTURE SERIES - JOHN PAVLOVITZ:** We are pleased to invite you to the sixth annual Henry and Annabel Larzelere Lecture Series NEXT WEEK on October 22 and 23, welcoming best-selling author and pastor, John Pavlovitz. John will preach at our Sunday morning worship service, and in the afternoon he will lead a lecture/discussion on Living a Life of Sustainable Compassion. The Library Committee will have Pavlovitz's latest book: *If God is Love, Don't Be a Jerk* available for purchase before and after the 10:30 service in anticipation of this event.

**TRUNK-OR-TREAT:** Children's Ministry is hosting a Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 30th from 6:00 -7:30 p.m., with a costume parade at 6:30. Come decorate your car, have cider and donuts, and enjoy the enthusiasm of our children during the Halloween season!

**JOINING THE PEOPLES CHURCH:** Have you previously attended a New Members Class and recently decided you are ready to join the church? Perfect timing - our next New Member Induction is November 13 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. If interested, please contact Robin Matheson at 517-290-3223 or [matheso4@msu.edu](mailto:matheso4@msu.edu) by October 31<sup>st</sup> so we can prepare for your induction.

**FOGLIO SPEAKER SERIES ON SPIRITUALITY:** On November 2, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. (via Zoom), Professor Roger S. Gottlieb, the William B. Smith Dean's Professor of Philosophy at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, will offer the Second Annual Keynote Address for the Foglio Speaker Series on Spirituality. More information about Professor Gottlieb, the talk, and Zoom registration can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/gottlieb22>.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Please join us for a concert on November 5th at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The event will feature Nick Kreider, baritone; Katie Bethel, soprano; and Judy Kabodian, piano.

**ALL CHURCH GAME NIGHT:** Our first All Church Game Night in 3 years will be Saturday, November 5th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. We'll have pizza for dinner while we enjoy board games, euchre, etc. All ages welcome! We are especially looking for youth and older adults to play easier games with very young children, so their parents can play a different game. If you plan on attending, please register on Realm with the QR Code.



**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** At its October meeting, the Community Engagement Ministry chose to donate \$3,000 to the United Church of Christ's Hurricane Support (Fiona and Ian). If you are also interested in donating to this fund, you may send your check to *United Church of Christ, PO Box 71957, Cleveland, OH 44194*. Please add in the memo "Hurricane Fund 2022".