

Sanctuary Service

October 30, 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.



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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.

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Prelude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Judy Kabodian, organist

arr. David N. Johnson

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. Penny Swartz

***Call to Worship**

One: Our help is in the name of God, the one who made heaven and earth.
We celebrate and praise our Creator!

**All: All thanks and praise to God,
Whose mercy endures forever, and whose love is everlasting.**

One: Our salvation comes through the Son, Jesus Christ.
We celebrate and praise the One who gave us abundant life!

**All: All thanks and praise to God,
The Savior who takes away the sins of the world.**

One: Our hope comes through the Holy Spirit, who gives us life!
We celebrate and praise God for all the ways the Spirit moves!

**All: This is the day the Lord has made!
With prayers and songs and shouts of joy, let us praise the Lord!**

***Gathering Hymn**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (v. 1, 2, 4)

no. 275

*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal
ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our
side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he. Lord
Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.*

*That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth. The Spirit and the gifts are
ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body
they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.*

Prayer of Confession

God of wonder, just as your creation continues to evolve and grow, you call the church to adjust and move in new directions. Yet, we do all we can to resist change and silence new voices. The spirit of Pentecost still blows in our direction, but we have chosen to close the doors and shut the windows rather than risk a fresh wind. We have set limits and boundaries around your love, O God, and tried to hem you in for our own purposes. Forgive us. Open our souls to the expansiveness of faith. May we embrace the new winds and bold ideas even when we are set in our ways and content with our routines. 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!**

Carol Choir Anthem

Kum Ba Ya

arr. Douglas Wagner

Carol Choir, directed by Elizabeth Reed

Kum ba ya, my Lord, kum ba ya. (3x) Oh, Lord, kum ba ya. Someone's cryin', Lord, kum ba ya. (3x) Oh, Lord, kum ba ya. Someone's prayin', Lord, kum ba ya. (3x) Oh, Lord, kum ba ya. Someone's singin', Lord, kum ba ya. (3x) Oh, Lord, kum ba ya. Kum ba ya, my Lord.

Children's Moment

Rev. Penny Swartz

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Paul Basler

Sanctuary Choir, directed by Jonathan Reed Jennifer Ornelas, horn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all. Amen.

First Scripture

Habakkuk 2:1-4

Diane Shafer

Second Scripture

Luke 19:1-10

Sermon

"The Lost and Found"

Rev. Penny Swartz

Hymn of Response

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (v. 1, 2, 4)

no. 353

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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Music: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863

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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

Through the gifts we have placed in these plates and the time and talents we share, we seek to grow the Church, Holy God. Bless all our gifts and, by your love, make us into the Church you envision. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (v. 1-4, 6)

no. 687

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:*

*Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting thou art God, to
endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.*

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall
last, and our eternal home.*

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719

Music: Attr. William Croft, 1708

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***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress
Judy Kabodian, organist

arr. Helmut Walcha

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! Today, you are invited to enjoy cobbler, provided by Troop 2.

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Campus Ministry meets Sundays at 11:30 a.m. for Lunch & Lounge with Elisha Smith.

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

ACHE: Adults Connecting and Having Events is a young adult group that meets on Monday nights. For information about weekly events, follow [ache_thepeopleschurch](#) on Instagram, or contact Elisha Smith at esmith@thepeopleschurch.com.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Bible study is on pause for this week.

WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH: A community dinner is hosted every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, followed by your choice of dance aerobics with Shawnthea Monroe, or Faith & the News bible study in the library. All are welcome!

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 or (610)246-0029.

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".

DANCE 149: The first rehearsal for Dance 149, a liturgical dance group led by Elisha Smith, will follow the service today. Children K-5th grade are welcome to join, regardless of prior dance experience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Troop 2 Annual Cobbler Fest

All are invited to Friendship Hall today after worship to savor a variety of delicious cobblers, baked on Dutch ovens by Troop 2!

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Join Children's Ministry today from 6:00 -7p.m. in the parking lot for a Trunk-or-Treat

Come decorate your car, have cider and donuts, and enjoy the enthusiasm of our children during the Halloween season!

Congregational Meeting

Annual Fall Election Meeting

Nominee information packets are available at the Welcome Desk.

Sunday, November 6, 2022



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 13th during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. If interested, please contact Robin Matheson at 517-290-3223 or matheso4@msu.edu by October 31st so we can prepare for your induction.

VOCAL CONCERT: Please join us for a free 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. The concert will include works by Handel, Barber, and Vaughan Williams.

ALL SAINTS DAY: Sunday, November 6th, is All Saints' Day at The Peoples Church. If you have lost a loved one in the past year and would like their name included in the bulletin, please contact the office at office@thepeopleschurch.com.

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.



CHURCH-WIDE PARTICIPATORY ART PROJECT: Worship Ministry invites all church members to help create new sanctuary banners. The goal is to make origami peace crane chains, in colors that mirror our beautiful stained glass window.

Origami lessons will be Sunday, November 6, following the 10:30 worship service in the Rotunda Room, and Wednesday, November 9, following the 5:30 meal in the Centennial Room. Abby Barr, assisted by Bev Mason, will teach us the ins-and-outs of this craft.

Why peace cranes? Sadako Sasaki was two years old when she survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, although she soon developed leukemia. In the ten years she lived, she began to fold origami paper cranes – symbols of peace. In a few short weeks, the season of Advent will be upon us. As that time begins to enfold us, let us fold 1000 cranes to honor the one we call Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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".

HOLIDAY BRASS CONCERT: The Fine Arts Committee is pleased to announce that following a three-year hiatus due to Covid, the MSU Music Department's Holiday Brass concert will return to The Peoples Church on Tuesday, December 6 at 7 p.m. with a free concert in the sanctuary. Mark your calendar.