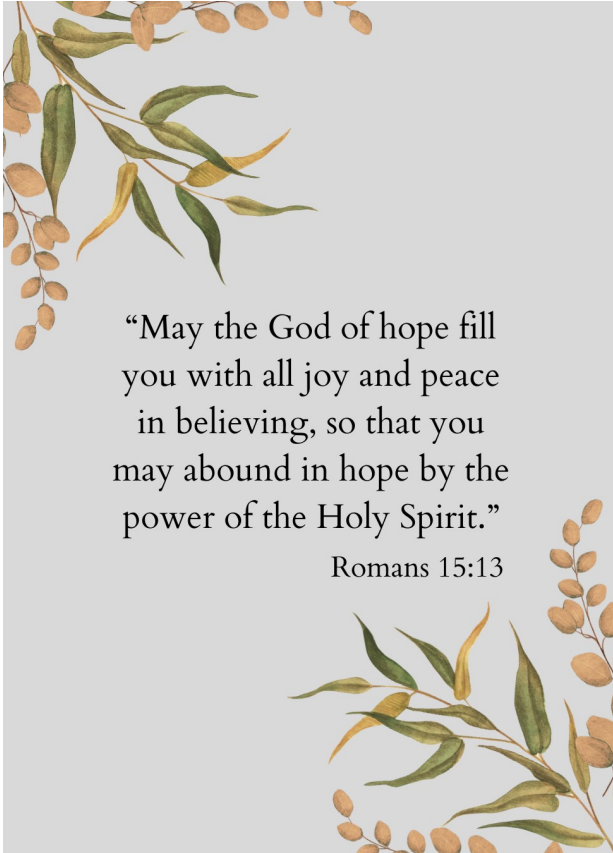


# Sanctuary Service, November 12, 2023



“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13

## 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  
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worship service, you  
can find  
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# Order of Service | November 12, 2023

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

## **Prelude**

O Worship the King  
For the Beauty of the Earth  
Coppertones directed by Elizabeth Reed

arr. Francis Callahan  
arr. Hart Morris

## **Welcome**

## **\*Call to Worship**

Marc Lyon

One Gather together, people of God.  
Now is the time to worship our Lord.

**All We worship the Lord, the God of our salvation!  
Let all the people rejoice and sing!**

One We strive to follow the example of Jesus.  
In a spirit of love, we build up our neighbors.

**All Let a spirit of peace reign in our hearts.  
May all God's children find welcome in our midst.**

One With one voice, we sing praises to God!  
With one spirit, we serve as Christ served.

**All May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing.  
We open our minds and hearts to receive what the Spirit will bring.**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (v. 1, 3, 4)

no. 645

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing, an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing, as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band: to God all praise and Glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises, that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part: to God all praise and glory!

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675

Music: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566

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### *Prayer of Confession*

God of mercy and justice, we gather as your children and confess our sins. We confess how easy it is for us to embrace the attitudes and actions of the world. Our lives are shaped by contemporary culture and the news of the day rather than by our faith in you. We often think of our own interests first rather than the well-being of others. We have not always treated one another as precious members of the Body of Christ. We have allowed intolerance and resentment to tear us apart. Forgive us, O God. By your Spirit, transform us, renew us and unite us so that our words and our actions would bring honor and glory to you. 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 Message*

**Anthem**                                      Let All Things Now Living                      arr. Katherine K. Davis  
Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God, the Creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guideth us on to the end of our days. His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light! His law he enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in his orbit obediently shine! The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine. We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing, with glad adoration a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving to God in the highest, hosanna and praise! Amen.

**First Scripture Reading**                      Psalm 78:1-7                      Marc Lyon

**Second Scripture Reading**                      Romans 15:1-13

**Hymn of Response**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (v. 1-3)

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. **Refrain: 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. **(Refrain)***

*His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. **(Refrain)***

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Text: Edward Mote (1834)

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**

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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**

**Holy One, as we offer our treasure and hearts to you. May they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (v. 1-3)

no. 546

*Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound; may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.*

*Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way, let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.*

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing  
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**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

**Postlude**

Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise  
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Johann Pachelbel



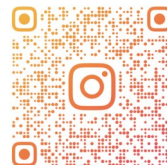
*The floral arrangement is dedicated in memory of Daisy Angell.*

**MUSIC SUNDAY**  
 NOVEMBER 19 | 10:30 AM

*Please join us next Sunday as our sanctuary choir performs 'Gloria' by Randol Alan Bass, and 'O Be Joyful in the Lord' by John Rutter.*

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## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**HENRY & ANNABEL LARZELERE MEMORIAL LECTURE:** Our annual Henry & Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture featuring Kristin Kobes Du Mez is **today at 1 p.m.** The title of her lecture is 'Jesus & John Wayne and the Evangelical Reckoning.' There is a luncheon following the service before her full lecture. 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. Her most recent book is 'Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation.' Dr. Du Mez will do a book signing following her lecture.

**INTERFAITH GATHERING OF HOPE & SOLIDARITY:** **Next Thursday, November 16 at 7 p.m.,** there will be an interfaith gathering at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in East Lansing sponsored by the Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing. The purpose of this event is to show solidarity and support for our Jewish and Muslim neighbors as the violence in the Middle East continues. Offerings of financial gifts will be collected during the gathering.

**THE READING PEOPLE:** The Reading People will meet **next Thursday, November 16 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Robertson Room to discuss 'The Agitators' by Dorothy Wickenden. Susan Nowicki will lead the discussion. We invite you to bring a sack lunch and come at 1 p.m. for a time of fellowship prior to our book discussion. Email Katie Slabaugh at [kslab@hotmail.com](mailto:kslab@hotmail.com) for more information.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MEETINGS:** There will be several congregational meetings in the month of November to present the capital campaign information with project descriptions, timelines, architectural renderings of the proposed projects, and overall budget estimates. These meetings will be open to all members of The Peoples Church and will be held at a variety of times to best accommodate schedules. If you have any questions regarding these meetings, please call the co-chairs of the capital campaign: Nancy Danhof (517) 285-1666, and Sandy Draggoo (517) 719-2919. The remaining meetings will be: **Sunday, November 19 at 12 p.m.; Tuesday, November 21 at 7 p.m.; Thursday, November 30 at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m.** All capital campaign meetings will take place in the Robertson Room.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH:** Ladies Lunch Bunch will be meeting again at **noon on Wednesday, November 29 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.

**HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET PROGRAM:** During November and December, we will be collecting money to support 30 families with buying holiday meals. Each family will receive a \$75 food voucher to a local grocery store. We need \$2,000 each for Christmas and Thanksgiving to support this program. Donations will be collected through December 31, and can be made online by scanning the QR code, or in the church office. We are collecting a special offering today for this program, envelopes for which can be found at the Welcome Desk.



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

**COLLEGE MINISTRY:** Campus Ministry meets **after the 10:30 a.m. service** for Lunch & lounge, and **twice a month** for activities and outings. For more information, contact Pastor Haley by emailing [hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com).

**ACHE:** Adults Connecting & Having Events is a group for young adults that meets twice a month for activities and events. On **Saturday, November, 18 at 7 p.m.**, ACHE will have a Friendsgiving meal in the campus lounge. Turkey and primary sides will be provided, but more sides are welcome. Email Rev. Haley at [hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com) to RSVP for these events and to keep up with other ACHE news.

**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>. Pastor Haley leads a Bible Study at **9:30 a.m. on Sundays in the Robertson Room**. This week's passage is Psalm 100.

**PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP:** PCYG is meeting up **today after the 10:30 service** to get lunch at Hopcat. Everyone is welcome back at the church following lunch for games in the youth den. PCYG will NOT meet tonight for music rehearsals and the regular gathering. The PCYG Friendsgiving is coming up **next Sunday, November 19!** Prepare your favorite dish and come enjoy laughter and good food! For more information about PCYG, contact Elisha, by emailing [esmith@thepeopleschurch.com](mailto:esmith@thepeopleschurch.com).

**PORCH OF HEAVEN:** There will NOT be a Porch of Heaven/Lectio Divina service tomorrow. Porch of Heaven will pick up again as usual **next Monday**.

**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 leads a discussion on faith and the news at **6:30 p.m.** All are welcome!

