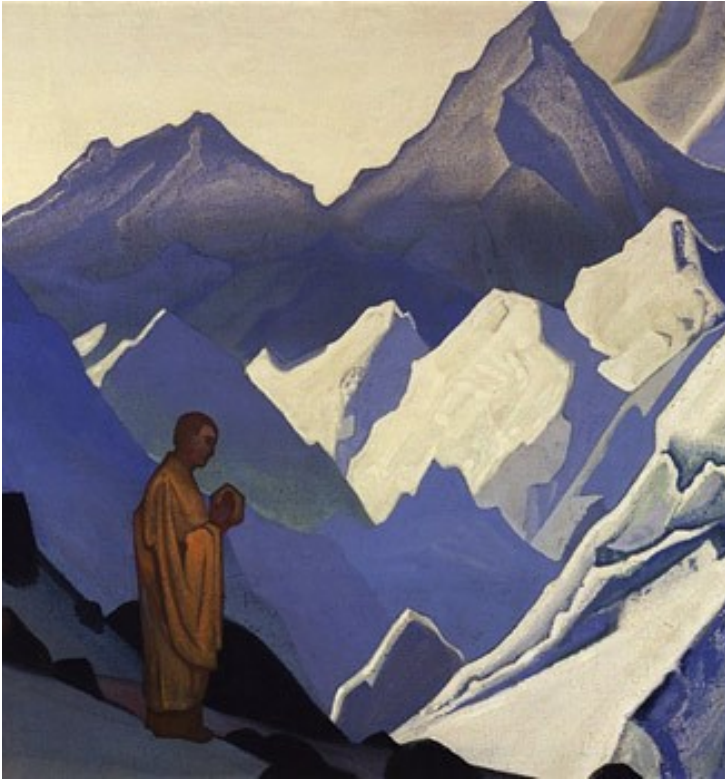


Sanctuary Service

November 13, 2022



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

200 W. Grand River Ave. | East Lansing, MI 48823

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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 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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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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Prelude

Sonata III: Con moto maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn

Judy Kabodian, organist

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

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship**

One: For this day set aside to worship you as a gathered faith community,
And for your desire to be in relationship with us,

All: We give you thanks, O God.

One: For your saving grace given to us through the gift of your Son,
And for your forgiveness that overcomes our guilt and shame,

All: We give you thanks, O God.

One: For your caring love that knows no limits,
And for the joy and blessings of serving you,

All: We give you thanks, O God.

One: For the promise of eternal life,
And for the gift of an abundant life here and now,

All: We give you thanks, O God.

We are your beloved children and we celebrate and praise your name.

***Gathering Hymn**

Now Thank We All Our God (v. 1-3)

no. 643

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous thing hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we can hardly imagine not longing for more: more money, more success, more attention. We fear we won't have enough or that we aren't enough. Everything we are is a gift from you, and yet we don't trust you to provide what we need. You, O God, have always been faithful. Strengthen our trust in your good gifts to us. You know our needs. Loosen our grip and open our hearts so we experience the wonders of generosity. Help us to be satisfied when our needs are met and to be joyful when we can share with others. 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!**

Induction of New Members

***Jill Bartz — Christine Bilfinger and Alexander Smith — Judy Hardies
Alexa Hayes-Murray — Paulette Lovell — Jean and Marc Lyon — David Stowe***

Elder: Let us, as members of The Peoples Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Profession of Faith

We believe the teachings of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and with the help of God, we will strive daily to live the life of purity, unselfishness, and service which Christ exemplified to the world.

Anthem

The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune arr. R. Vaughan Williams
Sanctuary Choir, directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him, and rejoice. The Lord, ye know, is God indeed. Without our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take. O enter then his gates with praise. Approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do. For why? the Lord our God is good: His mercy is forever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore, from men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

First Scripture

Psalm 145: 1-5

Second Scripture

1 Peter 4: 8-11

Sermon

“Please Share”

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought (v. 1-3)

no. 712

As those of old their firstfruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield, so we today our firstfruits bring, the wealth of this good land: of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give, to make our life an offering that all may truly live. The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true: a world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today, to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way. O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son, help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

Text: Frank von Christierson, 1960

Music: English folk melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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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

Gracious and loving God, accept these gifts gathered to support this church. We pray that you will bless them, and bless us, as we strive together to build your beloved community. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

***Sending Hymn** The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound (v 1-4) no. 766

The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone. Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.

True faith will open up the door and step into the street. True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.

True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied. True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.

If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor's need, then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Found

Text: Adam L. Tice, 2005

Music: African American Spiritual; Jubilee Songs, 1884

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***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Postlude

Postlude in D
Judy Kabodian, organist

C. Armstrong Gibbs

Floral Dedication



Today's Floral arrangements are a gift from Jann Angell
in memory of her mother.

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!

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

PCYG: Youth group will meet tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Youth Den.

ACHE: Adults Connecting and Having Events is a young adult group that meets on Monday nights. This Monday, we will join Pub Theology.

PUB THEOLOGY: Pub Theology meets tomorrow, November 14th, at 6:30 p.m. at Crunchy's. All are welcome to stop by!

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>. This week's scripture is Jonah 3:1-5, 4:1-2

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: Please join us in the Robertson Room for our discussion of John Pavlovitz's book "A Bigger Table".

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 December 4th, Rev. Penny Swartz will present a Christmas Reading.

TAIZE SERVICE: Taizé Prayer Services are held on the fourth Sunday of each month. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have any prayer requests or wish to be part of The Peoples Church prayer chain, please contact Jan Perron at jrperron@comcast.net.

DORCAS CIRCLE: The Dorcas Circle meeting will be at Coral Gables on November 15th at noon.

INTERFAITH SERVICE: An Interfaith Service focusing on story, song, and unity will take place on Monday, November 14th at 7 p.m. at University United Methodist Church in East Lansing. To love our neighbors and help stop the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses, at University UMC we strongly encourage everyone to wear a mask when indoors and in crowded spaces. We will be taking an offering for the Global Institute of Lansing (GIL). These funds will support the teaching and learning that this important organization provides for people recently arrived in our community.

READING PEOPLE: Reading People will meet November 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room to discuss *The Guncle* by Steven Rowley. Our discussion leader is Margie Steinkamp.

AGE ALIVE'S TOWN & GOWN: On November 22nd at 5 p.m., T&G will present the John Wales Memorial Lecture with guest speaker Dr. Ethan Theuerkauf on the topic: "Drivers and Impacts of Erosion Along Great Lakes Coastlines". This lecture will take place in-person in the Robertson Room, and over Zoom: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/9343618607> (Passcode: Town&Gown).

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.

CHRISTMAS GIFT PROJECT: Share the Christmas joy by providing a gift for a child at Edgewood Village, here in our local community. If you would like to purchase a gift, please contact church member Emily Anderson via e-mail at anderson2910@icloud.com or by phone at 517-648-0632. She will provide you with all the information you will need: gender and age of the child, item the child wishes and details for delivering the gift. If you would simply like to financially support this activity, that is an option too.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Our community doors have been wide open this year welcoming not only anticipated refugees but also those fleeing Afganistan and Ukraine. Many of the latter arrived with the clothes on their backs and are now in need of winter shoes and boots. We respond, first by a gift from the Community Engagement committee to Refugee Services and second by **collection of Meijer and Target gift cards from our congregation.** The donation box will be at the Welcome Desk during Sunday services and otherwise in the office - beginning Sunday Nov. 27th until Sunday Dec 18th. Many thanks!