

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

"He is not here;
He has risen,
Just as he said."
Matthew 28:6

Sunday Schedule

Chapel Service: 8:30 a.m.

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

No Sunday School this morning.

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. 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!

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Order of Service | April 9, 2023

Prelude

Carillon de Westminster
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Louis Vierne

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

Introit

Alleluia! Glorious Word!
Sanctuary Choir, Directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

Carolyn Jennings

He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are open. My Jesus rose triumphantly, and Satan's arrows broken lie, destroyed hell's fiercest weapon. Oh hear, what cheer! Christ victorious, rising glorious, life is giving. He was dead, but now is living! Alleluia! Glorious Word!

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship**

Kyle Dymond

One In the midst of our darkness, a light shines!
The tomb is empty and Christ is risen!

All In the midst of our suffering, a hope arises!
Death has no power, for Christ is risen!

One Rejoice, beloved children!
The one who died is alive again!

All Christ is Risen! Risen indeed!
Let all the world rejoice!

***Gathering Hymn**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today (v. 1-4)

no. 232

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured. Alleluia! Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

God of life, we serve a risen Savior, yet we live as if Easter never happened. We confess we still fall into doubt and fear. We cling to selfish ways and question your power to make all things new. We hide in tombs of our making, preferring the comfort of our broken lives to the demands of an Easter faith. Forgive us, Holy God. Have mercy on our weakness and banish our fears with your enduring, powerful love. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

**Confession Response*

Thine Is the Glory

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children's Message

Anthem

Come, Proclaim the Victory

arr. Joseph M. Martin

Come, proclaim the victory; rejoice in one accord. Christ has won eternity; he is the Living Lord. The grave is closed, forever sealed, and heaven's power has been revealed. Now come, proclaim the victory; all people praise the Lord. Come, proclaim the mystery, the wonder of the cross: how the Lord in agony chose death to pay sin's cost. But now the cross in glory stands, a symbol of the Living Lamb! O come, proclaim the victory, the wonder of the cross. Come and see the risen King. Now, O death, where is thy sting? Come, proclaim the living Lamb, Great I Am! All hail the King! Bring forth the royal diadem! Rejoice and sing, rejoice and sing; proclaim the King of kings, crown him King! Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save! His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die. Come, proclaim the victory, and crown him Lord of Life! Crown him Lord of Life!

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Kyle Dymond

Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon

"Roll Away the Stone"

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
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Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1824)
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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

Lift High the Cross

arr. Craig Courtney

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up. God so loved the world, God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. Come, Christians follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou has promised, draw us all to thee. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.



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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

Kyle Dymond

**God of new life, on this glorious Easter Sunday, we ask you to bless this offering.
We offer these gifts with the hope and confidence that all we do and say in
Christ's name will take root in the world and blossom into new expressions of
your love and compassion. This is our Easter Prayer. Amen.**

You are invited to join the choir for the Hallelujah Chorus. Music is provided. If interested, please make your way to the front of the Sanctuary during the sending hymn.

***Sending Hymn**

Thine Is The Glory (v. 1-3)

no. 238

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where the body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

Refrain.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Refrain.

Thine Is the Glory
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***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Hallelujah Chorus

G.F. Handel

Postlude

Toccata on "O Filii Et Filiae"
Judy Kabodian, Organist

Lynnwood Farnam

The Peoples Church extends a warm thank you to the talented musicians who took part in today's service: Austin Blower, Chase Domke, Reed Fitzpatrick, Ian Graves, Ben Mapes, and Neil Mueller.

PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

ACHE: Adults Connecting and Having Events is a young adult group that meets on **the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.** To keep up with events, follow us on Instagram: [ache_thepeopleschurch](#). Join us **Friday, 4/21** for a potluck and game night to welcome Haley Hansen!

CHICs (CONNECTED HEARTS IN CHRIST): CHiCs (Connected Hearts in Christ) Women's Small Group is currently reading *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. If you are interested in joining the group or have questions, contact Beth Lundy at lundybb@comcast.net or (610)246-0029.

CAMPUS MINISTRY: Join us **Sunday, April 16 after the 10:30 service**, and we will plan the Campus Ministry reception for Rev. Hansen. Then join us **Sunday, April 23** in the campus lounge for a welcome lunch for Rev. Hansen where we will introduce ourselves. We will also hand out exam treats!

ENGAGING THE WORD: No Bible study this Monday or Wednesday.

MEN'S WEDNESDAY NOON DISCUSSION GROUP: Please join us in the Robertson Room for our discussion of "The Sin of Certainty" by Peter Enns.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: No PCYG gathering this evening. Come to the PCYG annual cake auction **Sunday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** to support our mission trip to Chicago this fall! This will be silent auction style! Stop by before or after service! **CAKES NEEDED!** Please email esmith@thepeopleschurch.com if you'd like to bake a cake!

PUB THEOLOGY: We meet on the **second Thursday each month, 6:30 p.m. at Crunchy's** to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world. Join us April 13th!

TELL-A-TAIL: Tell-a-Tail is back **Wednesday, April 12, 6-7 p.m.!** At these events, children are able to spend time reading aloud to a therapy dog named Reba. Reading aloud to dogs has been shown to increase literacy! The Peoples Church Library Committee hosts Tell-a-Tail events the second Wednesday of every month, but the last one before summer will take place in May.

THE READING PEOPLE: Please join us for our next book discussion on **Thursday, April 20 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Robertson Room. We will discuss 'The Tattooist of Auschwitz' by Heather Morris.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP: The Tuesday Morning Men's Group is currently reading 'Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents' by Isabel Wilkerson. We continue to meet at **7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Robertson Room.**

PROGRAMMING (cont.)

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. We hope you can join us for Wednesdays @ Peoples Church!

VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY: Voices of the Community will meet on **Sunday, April 23 at 9:30 a.m. in the Robertson Room** for a conversation with Roxanne Case, the executive director of Ingham County Land Bank, about creating place, community, and opportunity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: Great news! We've added a new members class **Sunday, April 23 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Centennial Room. No RSVP is required. Childcare can be provided by request only. Questions? Contact the church office, or contact Robin Matheson by calling (517) 290-3223 or emailing matheso4@msu.edu.

CARDS FOR KATHI MITCHELL: We will be celebrating Kathi Mitchell **Sunday, April 16** and giving her a warm sendoff. If you would like to send a card, we are collecting them in the church office.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH: Ladies Lunch Bunch is having lunch at Coral Gables on **Wednesday, April 26 at 12 p.m.** for friendship and fun. We have to send a headcount ahead of time so they can set our table, so please contact Joan Wright by calling (517) 349-1074 if you wish to attend.

ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE AND JEWELRY SALE: The annual used book sale and jewelry sale is coming up **Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Book donations will be accepted until Monday, May 15, and jewelry donations are accepted year-round.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: It's time to register for VBS! This year our Vacation Bible School will be at the church, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., June 19-23. We are planning a super fun week with half day VBS, half day summer camp. Our campers will enjoy a trip to the zoo, a visit from the naturalist, a Grand Finale production, and more! As always, we can't do VBS without your help! We need adult volunteers to be field trip chaperones and station leaders (science, crafts, mission, games) and teenagers to be crew leaders. Please call (989) 318-3293, or email vbs@thepeopleschurch.com for more information. Scan the QR code to register your children.



COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

There is no coffee hour after the services today. Have a Happy Easter!