

Sanctuary Service, May 19, 2024



THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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SERVICE INFORMATION

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

Sunday School will take place 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.

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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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room. John Lindley, 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, you can find **The Peoples Church of East Lansing on YouTube!**

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

Prelude

“In The Garden”

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

***Call to Worship**

Ben Clements

One This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**All God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh
and our children shall prophesy!**

One On this day, the church sprang to life
in a flash of fire and rush of wind!

**All This is the day when the Spirit came.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

***Gathering Hymn**

“On Pentecost They Gathered” (v. 1-4)

no.289

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day, a band of Christ’s disciples, to worship, sing, and pray. A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air, and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised. What universal message, what great good news was here? That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe, on women, men, and children who would God’s grace receive. That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power. The church formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago, rekindle faith among us in all life’s ebb and flow. O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise, so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

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Music: Neuvermehrtes Meiningisches Gesangbuch, 1963; adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847
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Prayer of Confession

Generous God, you send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid. You send us the spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions. You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts. Let your Holy Spirit come to us in this moment. Assure us of your mercy and forgiveness. Set our souls on fire with your love so we might praise your glorious name. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

****Confession Response***

“Spirit of the Living God”

no. 288

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Children’s Moment

Teacher Appreciation

Choir Anthem

“Hymn to the Holy Spirit”

arr. Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Choir directed by Michael Huey-Jones

Thou, O Christ, who came to kindle, now ignite us with thy fire; while the earth resists thy burning, with thy passion us inspire. Overcome our sinful calmness, make us know our share of blame. Baptize with thy fiery Spirit, crown our lives with tongues of flame! Thou who in thy holy purpose wills that we should truly live. Grant us grace to be thy servants, our tranquility forgive. Teach us courage as we struggle in all liberating strife. Shame the smallness of our vision by thine own abundant life. Thou who does a sword deliver rather than a placid peace. By thy sharpened word disturb us, from complacency, release! Save us from our satisfaction when we personally are free yet are undisturbed in spirit from our neighbor’s misery! Amen!

Sermon

“We Didn’t Start the Fire”

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

Hymn of Response

“Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers” (v. 1-4)

no. 407

Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house your home. Descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!

Come as the light. To us reveal our emptiness and woe. And lead us in those paths of life where all the righteous go.

Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame. Let our whole soul an offering be to our Redeemer’s name.

Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of peaceful love. And let the church on earth become blest as the church above.

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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

“The King of Glory”

arr. Anna Laura Page

Clarion Ringers directed by Elizabeth Reed

***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**

God of wind, word, and fire, we praise you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. We give you thanks for all our gifts, great and small. May this offering be a witness to your love throughout all the earth. We pray this through Jesus Christ, your son and our savior. Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (v. 1-4)

no. 286

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
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***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Postlude “Toccata on Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” (arr. Michael Burkhardt)

Laurie Harkema, Organist



**Floral Dedication:
In Memory of Roy H. and Marion Heil
From their daughter, Susan Godfrey**

USED BOOK & JEWELRY SALE

The Used Book and Jewelry Sale is slated for May 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
and May 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Snider Social Hall and the Gym.

There will be old books and new books, old, new, estate, costume, and collectible jewelry.

Watches, purses, table linens, yarn, quilts, puzzles, fine art, frames, and much more!

All are welcome! Bring your friends!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE: Beginning next week, **May 26**, there will be a single service held on Sunday's at **9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary**.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS: The Community Engagement Ministry has chosen to provide a \$300 scholarship to any child or youth in our congregation who would like to attend summer camp administered by one of our four denominations. Those interested should register themselves. The scholarship will be reimbursed, or we can send a check if there is time. They are provided on a first come-first serve basis. To receive an application, contact Kim Gools at kgools@yahoo.com.

THE READING PEOPLE: The Reading People will meet on **May 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the Robertson Room** to discuss *Firekeeper's Daughter*, by Angeline Boulley, the New York Times bestseller about a Native American teen who must root out the corruption in her community. Led by Sue Patterson, we will look at the book from many different viewpoints. We invite you to bring a sack lunch and join us at 1 p.m. for a time of fellowship.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH: Ladies Lunch Bunch will be meeting at **noon on May 22**, 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 RSVP.

THE KNITTING PEOPLE: The Knitting People will meet on **May 23 at noon** for our spring luncheon, followed by knitting and crocheting our projects, and blessing our completed items. For more information, email Mary Anne at malarz@aol.com.

TPC TNT (TALK 'N TOUR): The TPC Talk 'n Tour (TNT) will take place **Sunday, June 2**. Please meet in the Sanctuary after the service to learn more about this beautiful church. The tour will take about 45 minutes.

VBS 2024: CAMP FIRELIGHT: Incoming kindergarteners-6th graders for the 2024-25 school year are invited to attend VBS @ TPC on **Monday, June 24 to Friday, June 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Kiddos will have a daily Bible story & song, go to the MSU Planetarium & Dairy Store, do experiments with Impression 5 staff, see live animals with a naturalist, and more! The cost is \$75 and registration can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/VBS2024TPC>.

UNDIE SUNDAYS: Undie Sundays are returning soon! This summer tradition of Peoples Church will begin **June 16 and run through August 11**. We will begin collecting under garments (underpants, socks, undershirts, etc.) for young people, grades K-12. The red kids stuff basket will be located at the Welcome Desk at the North-West entrance or donations may be dropped off in the church office. Collected items will be taken to Judson Memorial Baptist Church Love Clothing Closet to be disinfected. Cash/check donations are accepted — office only please. If you have any questions, email Ruth Worthington at worthin2@msu.edu.

CARDBOARD PROPHETS DONATIONS: In 2024, The Peoples Church will be collecting a specific item each month to donate to Cardboard prophets, a Lansing-based group that provides help to the homeless. We are not asking for new items, but items that are donated must be laundered and in good repair. If you have gently used and clean items, please place them in the blue plastic storage bin located near the church office on the east side of the sanctuary. **In May**, we are collecting shoes and boots.

PROGRAMMING AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH

ACHE: Adults Connecting & Having Events is a group for young adults that meets twice a month for events and outings. For more information about ACHE, email Pastor Haley at hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com, and follow “ACHE The Peoples Church” on Facebook and “ache_thepeopleschurch” on Instagram.

COLLEGE MINISTRY: Campus/College Ministry is specifically for college age folks to meet and connect for fellowship and special events. Campus Ministry joins with ACHE for the summer months. For more information, contact Pastor Haley by emailing hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com, and follow Peoples Church Campus Ministry on Facebook and Instagram.

ENGAGING THE WORD: Pastor Shawnthea leads the in-person book study group on **Mondays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Robertson Room**, and the Wednesday Bible study over Zoom from 9 to 10 a.m. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81926804577>. This week’s passage is Isaiah 6:1-8.

PEOPLES CHURCH YOUTH GROUP: There will be no PCYG today.

PORCH OF HEAVEN: Porch of Heaven is a Lectio Divina service that takes place **Mondays at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary Balcony**. Lectio Divina is a long-practiced method of reading scripture that can inspire new insights into biblical texts. It involves silence, mindfulness, and sharing. If you are curious about this new worship opportunity, try visiting Porch of Heaven, or contact Tom Schaberg by emailing taschaberg1@gmail.com for more information.

PUB THEOLOGY: Pub Theology is a once a month gathering to engage in conversation about faith, life, and what is happening in the world. The next Pub Theology gathering will be **Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m.** For more information, please contact Pastor Haley Hansen at hhansen@thepeopleschurch.com.

TAIZE SERVICE: Our last Taize service until fall is **tonight at 6:30 p.m.** Taize services take place on the fourth Sunday of every month, and consist of repetitive and meditative singing, prayer, scripture, and silence. It is a powerful, quiet, contemplative worship experience. All are welcome.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN’S GROUP: The Tuesday Men’s Group is discussing the book, “Short Stories by Jesus—The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi” by Amy Jill-Levine, **Tuesday in the Robertson Room at 7:30 a.m.**

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. The group is currently reading ‘*Letters to Malcolm*’ by C. S. Lewis. We will continue to meet through Wednesday, May 22nd and then will be taking a break until September.

WEDNESDAYS @ PEOPLES CHURCH: Join us **every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** in Snider Social Hall for a community dinner! Dance aerobics will be held in the gym at **6 p.m.** and Pastor Haley will be hosting her Bible study at **6:30 p.m.** this week.