



Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ
4704 13th Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20011

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds
Interim Minister

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Love God and Love Neighbor

ENTER TO WORSHIP...

The Order of the Word
Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
The Liturgical Color is White

CENTERING THOUGHT

“Refresh us with your holiness, Lord. Give us the vision to acknowledge anew that beneath every inch of what we see and every word of what we know, a broad and loving hand is ever there to hold us in the divine entirety of your endless love, and that, gloriously, we are your children and you are the God to whom we belong.”

– James Schaap, *God for Us: Rediscovering the Meaning of Lent and Easter*

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

No. 291 AAHH Frederick Whitfield

O How I Love Jesus

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg- Reynolds

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

Leader: Jesus is with you while you walk from Jerusalem to Emmaus,

Reader: *Jesus is with us while we walk from (1) to (2).*

People: **We journey with Jesus on the road.**

Reader: *Jesus travels with us on (3).*

Leader: And yet we could not recognize Jesus

People: **until we broke bread together,**

Reader: *until we shared some (4) and (4).*

Leader: At once, our eyes are opened and we say:

People: **Oh! Our hearts were burning for that familiar voice!**

Reader: *(5)! We had a gut feeling when we were talking story!*

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

Reader: *[(non-English) Christ is risen, indeed!]*

Leader: Praise God!

All: **Alleluia!**

INVOCATION AND OUR SAVIOR PRAYER

Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

Gracious God, sometimes our hearts ache within us, O Lord. Like those travelers on the Emmaus Road, we feel the deep sadness about losing Jesus. Our sadness finds its roots in many things, and we feel as though we cannot escape it. It becomes part and parcel of our conversations. Deep within, our spirits long for release and we silently cry. Forgive us when we close our eyes to your presence. Heal our brokenness. Bind up our wounds. Place us on the path of healing and help us to be people who will bring compassionate caring to others. You have given Yourself to us in the person of Jesus. We have His example of loving ministry as a guide for our lives. We stand as people forgiven and reconciled to You. Be with us this day. Remind us that You are always nearby. Guide our lives, for we ask these things In Jesus' name—the One who came humbly and taught us to pray, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
Luke 24:13-35

Deacon Laura Minor
Deacon Esther Pinder

GLORIA PATRI

Saint Hilary Poitiers

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen Amen*

SONG OF PREPARATION

SERMON

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg- Reynolds

“Easter, Trauma, Fear, and Lament”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg- Reynolds

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Helga Baskett- Tippet

HYMN OF RESPONSE

OFFERING

Dr. Helga Baskett- Tippet

DOXOLOGY

Thomas Ken

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

CLOSING HYMN

No. 385AAHH William B. Bradbury

The Solid Rock

BENEDICTION

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg- Reynolds

POSTLUDE

Special Guest Musician, Abby DiMarco
*AAHH- African American Heritage Hymnal
** All who are able, please stand

...DEPART TO SERVE

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEOPLES CHURCH

- For weekly “What's Happening” submissions and monthly Prodder submissions, please send all newsletter articles to email: info@peopleschurchucc.org. The deadline for “What's Happening” is Wednesday at noon. Prodder submissions must be submitted by 12:00 Noon on the 20th of the prior month.
- A confirmation email reply will be sent upon completion of all requests.

Direct Links to Online Giving for Donations

REALM



Scan the QR Code and Click on {Give Online} below.

You can TEXT to Give-Please text GIVE2PEOPLES to 73256, followed by the gift amount, to give.

Prayer Meeting Dial-In

Wednesday Word Devotional Conference Call

605-475-5950 Access Code: 8964544#

Second and Fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday Noon Prayer Service

Call 518-992-1039, Access Code: 659959#

Prayer Service is every Wednesday at Noon.

Thursday Virtual Bible Study

Join Zoom Meeting: Click here to [join](#)

Dial-in# +1 301 715 8592 US

Meeting ID: 992 6852 3678 Password: 784420

Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ Sunday Morning Praise and Worship Teleconference

Call-in-Number 720-740-9739 Access Code 4684874

The Line Opens at 6:55 a.m.

Virtual Adult Church School

Adult Church School Every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88390857788?pwd=RmZoY2xqeTBlRVdTK09XWFY5cG9OQT09>

Meeting ID: 837 4429 8433 Passcode: 853640

Church School meets every second and fourth Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel September- June

Sermon By Phone

Available every Sunday at 12:00 p.m. Dial 1-202-318-5405

Weekly Announcements

Members of the Church Community, we want to ensure that you have the best possible communication with our Interim Minister to address any needs, concerns, or messages you may have. His email address is interimminister@peopleschurchucc.org. Please note that the Pastor's Sabbath is on Monday, a time dedicated to rest and reflection. If you need to contact the Pastor via email, we kindly ask that you keep in mind the following schedule: if you send an email on Sunday or Monday, please understand that the Pastor is not likely to respond until Tuesday, as these are his days of rest. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in respecting the Pastor's need for Sabbath rest. Your patience and consideration are highly valued as we seek to support our Pastor's well-being and continued service to the congregation. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any urgent concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Front Office.

Welcome to Peoples Church! All individuals who participate in our Worship and Liturgical Services and/or Events may have their images appear on our Social Media Platforms, Live Streaming or communication documents. By attending these Services and Events, you tacitly agree to have your image displayed.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

There will be a transition in the envelope giving system effective May 1, 2024. After examining the church budget, the Board of Trustees found that the provided giving envelopes were not used as much as they once were and that many members have a surplus of envelopes available to them. Effective May 1st, we encourage members to continue to donate using one of the following alternative methods: Realm, the blue envelopes available in the pews, or mail contributions directly to Peoples Church. **If this causes any hardship for you, the Board of Trustees wants to be made aware so that accommodations can be made. Please call the Front Office and let us know.** Thank you. We appreciate this effort to work cooperatively as good stewards of our collective resources.



Music Ministry Announcements

There are several opportunities for you to participate in the music ministry at Peoples. We invite you to come and be a part of the Adult Choir or the Praise & Worship Team. Instrumentalists are also welcome.

The Adult Choir is now recruiting new members.

Open: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass.

Qualifications: Must be able to carry light musical notes partway across the church. Must have sufficient vision to see the director twenty feet away.

Experience: No applications accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed, or whistled in the shower.

Wages: Satisfaction and joy in God's service.

Hours: Sunday mornings with occasional opportunities for overtime (at above-mentioned wages).

Rehearsals: Once a week except in the summer.

Apply: By attending the next rehearsal. Saturdays from 10:30 am - 12 noon.

A Celebration of Community and Worship

June 1, 2024 | 10 AM - 4 PM

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4704 13th Street NW
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Potomac Association



CAMELLIA CIRCLE: OUR MINISTRY THROUGH CARING

Order a designer floral arrangement to remember your loved ones or recognize a special day. The gift of your flowers and the occasion for which they are given will be acknowledged during the announcements. To order a floral arrangement, fill out the form and mail it to Camellia Circle, Attn: ALTAR FLOWERS. Peoples Congregational Church, 4704 13th Street, NW Washington, DC 20011. Enclose a check or money order (minimum \$75.00) payable to Camellia Circle. For further information, contact the Church office at 202-829-5511.

Name _____ Address _____
Telephone# _____ Date I am requesting _____
I am giving flowers (in memory of or to honor) _____

Happy Birthday to...



In Memoriam



Bezelle Thomas
Passed on January 23, 2024

Gwendolyn Jenifer
Passed on February 23, 2024

Yvonne Grasty
Passed on January 28, 2024

Norma Kelley
Passed on February 27, 2024

Sam Ewing
Passed on April 5, 2024

SAVE THE DATE! Poor Peoples Campaign March and Assembly - June 15th!

Peoples members, Judith Howell, Vivian Jackson, and Wilbur Jackson, participated in the launch of the 40 days of preparation for the national march of the Poor Peoples Campaign on Saturday, March 2nd at the Church of Epiphany followed by a march to the Wilson Building. This launch event took place in over 30 state capitals on that day. The national event will take place in DC on Saturday, June 15th. Stay tuned for more information.



DEAR PEOPLES JUSTICE SEEKER

Come and join the Peoples Congregational UCC Faith and Democracy Team! As a member of this team you will be assisting with the planning of activities to promote voter registration, voter education, and voter mobilization of our congregation and our community. Further, you will help coordinate activities that will support voting in areas across the country subject to voter suppression. Let's use our Peoples Power!! Contact Michelle Gill or Diane Kern at info@peopleschurchucc.org to join.



VBS SAVES THE DATE. The 2024 Vacation Bible School Day Camp is scheduled for August 5-9, 2024. Do you know any children between 4 and 13 years old looking for a fun-filled week of faith, friends, and adventure? Peoples VBS is here for you! Sign up using the QR code and your name will be added to our mailing list for updates and priority access to Early-Bird Registration. You may also return to this space for updates.



REALM REGISTRATION



Scan the QR Code: Peoples Realm
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Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ



Be Prepared Stay Prepared

Free Active Shooter

Preparedness & Response Training

by the Metropolitan Police Department

&

Sponsored by Peoples Emergency

Preparedness Committee

Sunday, April 28, 2024

12 Noon in the Sanctuary

4704 13th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20011