



Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ  
4704 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington, DC 20011

Rev. Brandon Harris, Senior Minister  
Rev. Mahogany S. Thomas, Executive Minister

Sunday, October 18, 2020  
10:00 a.m.

*This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24  
(NRSV)*

*VISION 2020: Renew Reach Restore*

Enter to Worship...

The Order of the Word  
*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.  
The Liturgical Color is Green.

### **Centering Thought**

“Love takes off the masks that we fear we cannot live without and know we cannot live within. I use the word "love" here not merely in the personal sense but as a state of being, or a state of grace - not in the infantile American sense of being made happy but in the tough and universal sense of quest and daring and growth.”

— James Baldwin, [The Fire Next Time](#)

### **PRELUDE**

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*For All the Saints*  
*Played by Dr. Warren D. Hood, II*

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Mahogany S. Thomas

*Let us know you're watching today!*

<https://forms.gle/o4G68RMjzpTTmjUFA>

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Brandon Harris

### **Prayer by Marian Wright Edelman adapted from *Guide My Feet: Prayers and Meditations on Loving and Working for Children***

God, please use us to stop injustice,  
the killing of innocent children  
by violence at home and in faraway lands.

God, please use us to stop injustice,  
the killing of innocent children  
by poverty at home and abroad.

God, please use us to stop injustice,  
the killing of innocent child spirits  
by vanity and greed in our land and others.

God, please use us to stop injustice,  
the assault on precious child dreams  
by neglect and apathy near and far.

God, please use us to stop injustice,  
so our children may live

### **PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

Phillip Carter

*This is the Day*

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Julien Kearns

*Exodus 33:12-23 (New Revised Standard Version)*  
*Matthew 22:15-22 (New Revised Standard Version)*

### **MEDITATION**

The Fire Next Time

Read by Rev. Mahogany S. Thomas

**Gloria Patri**

Played by Dr. Warren D. Hood, II

*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*

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Played by Dr. Warren D. Hood, II

*Go Down Moses*

**SERMON**

Rev. Brandon Harris

**Hope & Despair**

Exodus 1:8-14, Exodus 2:23-25

**INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP**

Rev. Brandon Harris

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Brandon Harris

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

Tune by Lewis D. Edwards

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives  
Played by Dr. Warren D. Hood, II*

**OFFERING**

Rev. Brandon Harris

**DOXOLOGY**

Played by Davey Yarborough

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above Ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**FINAL REMARKS**

Rev. Mahogany S. Thomas

**CLOSING SONG**

Curtis Burrell

*I Don't Feel No Ways Tired  
Played by Davey Yarborough*

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Brandon Harris

**POSTLUDE**

Played by Dr. Warren D. Hood, II

*We're Marching to Zion*

*Cover Photo by Bryon Barlow*

Depart to Serve...

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEOPLES CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. For weekly What's Happening submissions and monthly Prodder submissions, please send all newsletter articles to email: [info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org). The deadline for What's Happening is Wednesday at noon. Prodder submissions deadline is the third Thursday of each month (except if there are 5 Thursdays in the month).
2. A confirmation email reply will be sent upon completion of all requests.

**Direct Links to Online Giving for Donations**  
<https://peopleschurchucc.org/online-giving/> or  
<https://tithe.ly/give?c=2030372>



### **Prayer Meeting Dial-In**

515-604-9545, Access Code: 659959#

*Prayer Service is every Wednesday at Noon.*



### **Bible Study Information**

#### **Virtual Bible Study Meeting Information**

Every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Dial-in# +1-301-715-8592 US Meeting ID: 992 6852 3678

Password: 784420 Join Zoom Meeting: Click on link below:

<https://zoom.us/j/99268523678?pwd=NFZrUzNIUXBXczJkMWVxZlVZclU5UT09>

Meeting ID: 992 6852 3678 Password: 784420

**The Scholarship Committee** will begin accepting college book grant applications on October 12, 2020.

Applications may be obtained from the church website ([peopleschurchucc.org](http://peopleschurchucc.org)).

If hard copies of the application need to be retrieved from the church building, please email [scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:scholarship@peopleschurchucc.org) Please note, the due date for applications and any supporting documentation is Friday, December 4, 2020 at midnight. Thank you.

### **Website Event Calendar**

On October 1, 2020, all **in-person** events and activities will be removed from the Events Calendar on the website. As we begin the new Church year, several organizations are meeting virtually or by conference call. If your organization is meeting virtually or by call and you want to be posted on the Website Events Calendar, please let us know. Send the name of your organization, day of the week and beginning and ending time of your meeting to [info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org). Thanks for your participation!

**The Nominating Committee** would like to extend congratulations to the following members who were recently appointed by the Church Council to serve a one-year term.

**Scholarship Committee**

Becky Harlan  
Brenda Ewing  
Janet McCormick  
Isadora Wills  
Kimberly Flagg Sellers

**Board of Christian Education**

Francis Smith

**Music and Arts Committee**

Cheryl Dunham

**Board of Trustees**

Ruth Hodges  
Claudia McKoin  
Terry Bowie  
Patricia Turner

**THE BYLAWS WORK GROUP** has completed discussions with the Church Council on the proposed amendments to the bylaws. They are in the process of further editing to reflect the results of discussions with the Church Council. The next phase is to make this document available to the full governing body (the congregation) for at least a 45-day review period. Because of COVID-19 protocols, the Work Group will announce a process for members of the congregation to raise questions and get responses from the Work Group. We hope to begin this phase mid-October. Members of the Work Group are: Pat Ellis, Lead; Robert Hendricks, Immediate Past Moderator; Brenda V. Smith, former Moderator; Brenda Ewing, Church Treasurer; Marie Whitaker, President, Council of Circles and Clubs; and Esther Williams, At-Large Member, Church Council. The current Moderator and Moderator-Elect are integral in the process. Questions/Inquiries: [info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org)

**MEMBER CHECK-IN CALLS/TECHNOLOGY SURVEY** is completed. Nineteen Church volunteers combed through a list of approximately 500 members to confirm contact information and to gauge effectiveness of Church communications during this period of COVID-19 protocols. The volunteers completed a sheet for each person reached. They were able to confirm contact information with 242 members (47.5 percent of the list). The remainder of the list were invalid numbers and unresponsive, and a few no longer members. Deceased members numbered 25 (5 percent of the list). If there are members who were not contacted, please be in touch with Pat Ellis at [info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org). We want to be sure everyone is counted! Thank you.



PCUCC Members *Five Ready Questions* for the 2020 Election

- Currently, are you registered to vote on November 3, 2020? (Click square to select one)

Yes or  No

- How are you planning to vote? (Click square to select one)

Mail In,  Drop Off,  In Person -Early Vote, or  In Person – Nov 3, 2020

- Are you an individual who needs assistance casting your vote, in-person or through drop-box? (Click square to select one)

Yes or  No

- Would you be willing to help loved ones, family, friends and neighbors who need transportation assistance to cast their vote on November 3, 2020? (Click square to select one) Yes or  No; and are you able to help on Early Vote Day? (Click square to select one)

Yes or No; to get to a Drop-Off site Yes or No

- Would you be willing to contact at least five (5) older adults and five (5) younger adults (18-35), to ensure that they are ready and prepared to vote in the 2020 General Election? (Click square to select one)

Yes or  No

**[\*\*Please email your responses to the *Five Ready Question* above to [Peoplesvote2020@gmail.com](mailto:Peoplesvote2020@gmail.com).**

**If you responded “yes” to needing assistance to vote on November 3, 2020, contact the *Peoples 2020 Voting Initiative* by email: [Peoplesvote2020@gmail.com](mailto:Peoplesvote2020@gmail.com) or call (202) 829-551.**

# Continuing Through the Pandemic

In-Church Worship Services, Activities and Events remain suspended until further notice.

In order for us to continue to operate safely and within the CDC Guidelines as well as the DC government guidelines, we have had to put new practices in place.

**Schedule:** Since we can only have a limited number of **essential** individuals in the building at any one time, a schedule has been set in place. If you need to come to the church, simply contact the Office Staff either by email: [info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org) or by calling 202-829-5511 and the staff will get you on the schedule.

**Contact Tracing:** In compliance with the District of Columbia guidelines, **ALL** persons entering the facility **MUST** complete a Contact Tracing Form. The information is kept confidential, unless requested by the Contact Trace Force of the District of Columbia.

**Accessing the Facility:** Strict procedures are in place which you will find posted at the front door (see below).



# *In Memoriam*

*For members who transitioned January 2020-October 2020*

**Vaster Bridgewater**

*Passed on January 10, 2020*

**Derek Jones**

*Passed on February 27, 2020*

**David Driskell**

*Passed on April 1, 2020*

**Ebena Sims**

*Passed on April 21, 2020*

**Dr. James Jones**

*Passed on June 19, 2020*

**Presley Reed, Sr.**

*Passed on July 17, 2020*

**Onra Dillard**

*Passed on July 20, 2020*

**Josephine Wulu**

*Passed on August 18, 2020*



**Frank Love**

*Passed on August 21, 2020*

**Orren Cohill**

*Passed on September 5, 2020*

**Melvin Calhoun**

*Passed on September 5, 2020*

**Margaret Askew**

*Passed on September 18, 2020*