



Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ
4704 13th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011

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

Sunday, April 3, 2022
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)*

Love God & Love Neighbor

ENTER TO WORSHIP...

The Order of the Word
Fifth Sunday of Lent/ Communion Sunday
Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
The Liturgical Color is White

CENTERING THOUGHT

Frederick Buechner

"All the absurd little meetings, decisions, inner skirmishes that go to make up our days. It all adds up to very little, and yet it all adds up to very much. Our days are full of nonsense, and yet not, because it is precisely into the nonsense of our days that God speaks to us words of great significance – not words that are written in the stars but words that are written into the raw stuff and nonsense of our days, which are not nonsense just because God speaks into the midst of them. And the words that he says, to each of us differently, are "Be brave ... be merciful ... feed my lambs ... press on toward the goal."

PRELUDE

Robert Ray

Acclamation Gospel Mass
Malcolm Willoughby, Acting Director of Worship

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brandon Harris

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. George Walker

HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 537 Plumptre/Messiter AAHH

Rejoice, O Pure In Heart
Peoples Adult Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Deacon Carrie Tyus
Malcolm Carpenter

Isaiah 43:16-21 (*New Revised Standard Version*)
Philippians 3:4b-14 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Patricia Faggett

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI

Saint Hilary of 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*

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Dan Burgess

In Jesus' Name We Press On
Peoples Adult Choir

THE SERMON

Rev. Brandon Harris

Pressing Towards the Prize
Philippians 3:4b-14

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Brandon Harris

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. George Walker

Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things we ought not to have done. O Lord have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for His sake, that we may now and forever live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

No. 655 Leon Roberts AAHH

Lord, Have Mercy
Peoples Adult Choir

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Brandon Harris

THE CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

Rev. Brandon Harris

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Brandon Harris

HYMN OF RESPONSE

R. Smallwood/Gaither/Williams Jr.

Center Of My Joy
Peoples Adult Choir

OFFERTORY

Rev. George Walker

DOXOLOGY

Thomas Ken

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

CLOSING REMARKS

Rev. Brandon Harris

CLOSING HYMN

No. 419 J. Oatman /C. Gabriel AAHH

Higher Ground
Peoples Adult Choir

BENEDICTION

Rev. Brandon Harris

POSTLUDE

No. 12 W. A. Mozart

Glorious is Thy Name Mass
Malcolm Willoughby, Acting Director of Worship

...DEPART TO SERVE

**AAHH- African American Heritage Hymnal

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEOPLES CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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

Prayer Meeting Dial-In

Wednesday Word Devotional Conference Call

605-475-5950 Access Code: 8964544# Second and Fourth Wednesday 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 6:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/99268523678?pwd=NFZrUzNIUXBXczJkMWVxZ1VZclU5UT09>

Dial-in Number: 301-715-8592

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

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88390857788?pwd=RmZoY2xqeTBIRVdTK09XWFY5cG9OQT09>

Meeting ID: 883 9085 7788 Passcode: 438381

Church School meets Every 2nd and 4th Sunday

Sermon By Phone

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

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**APRIL 3rd! ARE YOU READY!!!
Let's Mobilize for June 18th!**

THIS SUNDAY April 3, at 2:30 pm, we invite fellow DC, MD & VA organizers, activists and mobilizers to join Bishop William J. Barber, II, Reverend Liz Theoharis and members of the National, DC, MD & VA Poor People's Campaigns to a "Mobilization Captain and Partner Leaders meeting;" where we will discuss, learn and share the Organizing Action Plan for the Mass Poor People's & Low-Wage Workers' Assembly Moral March on Washington and to the Polls June 18, 2022 March in Washington, DC.

Come out and hear from our national co-chairs, local PPC teams and fellow mobilizers; learn tips for organizing groups of your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and organizations to join the June 18th march. Pick up a packet of mobilizing materials (including flyers and signs). Light refreshments will be provided. Location: First Trinity Lutheran Church 501 4th St. NW. This event is in-person only and will not be live streamed. [RSVP for Mobilizing Meeting](#)

130th Anniversary Photo Book is Here

As we celebrated Founders' Day on March 6th, we continue to note the remarkable and historic journey of Peoples Congregational Church. You can continue that celebration; and help to support our future by buying a Photo Book prepared by the Capital Campaign Community of Faith Photo Book Subcommittee. The Photo Book, "Nash Hall to Now Images of Our 130-Year Journey 1891- 2021" presents remarkable images and stories that resonate in the continued life of our Church.

First, you can order and pay for your copies for delivery to the church on this link:

<https://peopleschurchucc.org/capital-campaign-community-of-faith-130th-anniversary-photo-book/>

Second, you can fill out a paper form and return it to the Church with your check payable to Peoples Church with 130th Photo Book and number of copies on the Memo Line.

[Click here](#) for the Information Flyer and Order Form.

Order Forms will be mailed to members on our postal mail list with a return stamped envelope.

The cost of the first copy is \$75. The cost for each additional copy on the same order is \$70. Upon delivery of the books, you will be notified regarding the schedule for pick-up.

We express gratitude for those who made this commemoration possible, and more so, to each faithful member whose contributions make the continuation of our journey possible.

Order your Photo Book Today! You can pick-up your Photo Book on Easter Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service!

Upcoming Events

Holy Week Schedule

April

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Palm Sunday

Join us for a Hybrid Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. as we mark the beginning of Holy Week.

April

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Maundy Thursday

Join us at 6:00 p.m. for Worship.

April

15

Good Friday

Join us for a Good Friday Reflective service at 12:00 p.m. Followed by the Union Good Friday Service at Plymouth Congregational UCC at 6:00 p.m.

April

16

Easter Jazz Vespers

Join us at 5:00 p.m. for Easter Vigil an evening of Jazz and Worship.

April

17

Easter Sunday Service

Join us for Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. and at 10:00 a.m. for a Hybrid Easter Worship Service. Followed by a special Easter Coffee Hour!

For detailed information: <https://peopleschurchucc.org/>

Call Peoples Congregational UCC (202) 829-5511 or
Info@peopleschurchucc.org



Recurring Online Giving Donations Discontinued on Website

To maintain the highest level of online giving security, the option for recurring donations has been discontinued from the Peoples Church Online Giving Portal. The following information on the CenPOS update was provided by our Merchant Server. "CenPOS removed the ability for cardholders to login and create recurring payments themselves from the WebPay form. This was apparently one of the ways hackers can process fraudulent transactions on the accounts. Since the recurring option was not used very often by real customers, CenPOS removed the option altogether. "Our Website Manager will continue to provide diligent monitoring of any updates or changes that impact our Online Giving Portal in order to protect and secure all electronic giving transactions.

In Memoriam



Alvanette Jones

Passed on January 3, 2022

Paula McKann

Passed on January 5, 2022

Shauna Fields

Passed on January 14, 2022

Diane Fitzhugh-Sollers

Passed on March 9, 2022

COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING FORM UPDATE

Each person visiting the Church, for the first time only, with a scheduled appointment, must complete a Contact Tracing Form during the sign-in process. The Contact Tracing Form is posted on the Church website to expedite your sign-in time (peopleschurchucc.org) under Church Forms. The Church Forms Tab can be accessed from the Home Page of the website. The form can be downloaded and printed. Bring the completed form and verification of COVID-19 vaccination when you visit the Church for essential business only. Thank you for your cooperation with this COVID-19 protocol.

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 comply with CDC Guidelines as well as the DC government guidelines, we have 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, contact the Office Staff either by calling 202-829-5511 or by email: info@peopleschurchucc.org, and the staff will put your name 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).*

