



PEOPLES
CONGREGATIONAL
United Church of Christ

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

Sunday, May 21, 2023
10:00 a.m.

"... that they may all be one." John 17:21 (NRSV)

Love God & Love Neighbor

ENTER TO WORSHIP...

The Order of the Word
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
The Liturgical Color is White

CENTERING THOUGHT

Philippians 3:21 NRSVUE

"He (Christ) will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself."

PRELUDE

Dr. Robert L. Jefferson

OPENING HYMN**

No. 291 AAHH Frederick Whitfield

Oh, How I Love Jesus

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minster Francis Smith

Leader: We enter the house of the Lord as people upon whom God's love has been lavished.

People: God, through Jesus Christ, has healed and restored us.

Leader: We enter this time of worship in gratitude for all God's blessings.

People: God, through Jesus Christ, reaches out to comfort and bless us.

Leader: Oh, how wondrous is God's touch in our lives!

People: How magnificent are God's blessings and love for us.

Leader: Let us worship God, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit

ALL: This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Leader: Let us pray.

INVOCATION AND OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER

Minister Francis Smith

Open our hearts today, Lord, to feel the power of your extravagant love for us. Help us to be free of our fears and prejudices so that we may see your love in action in the lives of others. Comfort and calm our spirits in readiness for us to become your disciples. For we ask this in Jesus' Name who taught his disciples to pray saying: 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

Deacon Lois Sylver

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 16-17, 4:1-3, 5:8 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

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*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Minister Francis Smith

SONG OF PREPARATION

Douglas Miller

*My Soul has Been Anchored in The Lord
Victor Cenales, Soloist*

SERMON

Rev. Lisa Dunson

UNINTENDED BUT NOT A MISTAKE

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Minister Francis Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister Francis Smith

HYMN OF RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

Minister Francis Smith

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

Minister Francis Smith

CLOSING HYMN

No. 504 AAHH James Rowe

Love Lifted Me

BENEDICTION

Rev. Lisa Dunson

POSTLUDE

Dr. Robert L. Jefferson

...DEPART TO SERVE

Music by Dr. Robert L. Jefferson, Director of Worship & Peoples Praise Team

*AAHH- African American Heritage Hymnal

** All who are able, please stand

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: [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 - 9:15 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 837 4429 8433 Passcode: 853640

Church School meets Every 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

This Offering will be received on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023.



This Offering re-imagines and builds the future of the UCC. It is shared at the conference and national levels. Strengthen the Church largely supports youth ministries, and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the United Church of Christ does not have a strong presence. It also provides support for existing churches' new initiatives.

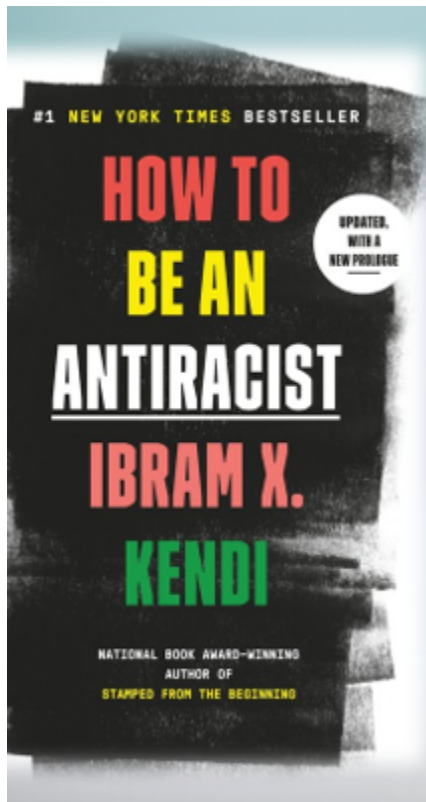
Music Ministry
Join the Choir! It's Good for Your Health!

Did you know that singing and making music is good for you? For example...

- * **It's aerobic.** Singing increases the flow of oxygen in the bloodstream and exercises several muscles in the upper body.
- * **It has psychological benefits.** Singing can lead to reduced stress levels because of its impact on your endocrine system.
- * **It creates a sense of community.** Singing in a choir can increase your sense of belonging and camaraderie with those around you.
- * **It makes you happy!** Singing releases endorphins into our bodies which boost our mood and reduce negative emotions.
- * **It's good for your heart and lungs.** Singing can strengthen vocal cords and keep your heart and lungs healthier.
- * **It releases oxytocin.** Singing releases oxytocin, which helps eliminate stress and anxiety and promotes feelings of trust and bonding.
- * **It increases your immunity.** People who participate regularly in choirs possess significantly increased levels of immune-boosting proteins.

Whether you are more advanced or just a beginner, Peoples has many opportunities for you to improve your health and well-being while serving God and your faith community through the gift of music! Instrumentalists are also welcome. We will be doing music from Handel to Ellington - from Dett to Smallwood, and more. We are also in need of a volunteer to help catalogue the music in the music library.

Contact Dr. Jefferson or any member of our Music Ministry team at info@peopleschurchucc.org about being part of the music ministry at Peoples.



UCC ALL CHURCH READ - OPTIONS!!!!

LAST CALL FOR THE READING GROUP

on KENDI's *How to be an Antiracist* sponsored by Peoples Board of Christian Social Action (BoCSA) and First Congregational UCC. Sessions are Monday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.: May 15 & 22, June 12 & 26, then once/monthly in July, August, and September (dates to be decided). **REGISTER** by contacting Dr. Vivian Jackson at info@peopleschurchucc.org

IF YOU CANNOT JOIN THE GROUP, additional resources, discussion groups, zoom meetings, and videos can be found on the UCC website <https://frontline-faith.teachable.com/p/all-church-reads-how-to-be-an-anti-racist>

Nominating Committee Peoples Church 2023 Nominations and Election Timeline

Friday, March 1, 2023

Nomination Forms Available Online to Congregation

Thursday, April 20, 2023

Deadline for Nomination Forms

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Present Draft Slate for Approval at Church Council Meeting

Friday, May 5, 2023

Slate Distributed to Congregation

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Nominations from the Floor

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Candidates Brief Bio/final slate

Tuesday, June 13, 2023


Meet and Greet candidates

Monday, June 19 through Saturday, June 24, 2023

Electronic voting!

Friday, June 30, 2022

The church clerk will notify elected candidates
Results posted on the church website, email to congregation



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The Peoples Congregational UCC Adult Choir

PRESENTS

“A Spiritual Journey”

Songs and Spirituals from Pre-Slavery to Emancipation

**JUNETEENTH
CELEBRATION**

Featuring a Multi-Generational Cast of Narrators, Singers, Dancers & Musicians

Directed by
Dr. Robert L. Jefferson, Director of Worship

Saturday, June 17, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.

Free Will Offering- [Click here to Give](#)

This is an In-Person Event that will be live-streamed!

[Click here to join Virtually](#)



Our involvement with the wider church.

Peoples Church is well represented on the Potomac Association Board of Directors and on the Standing Committees.

Potomac Association Board of Directors

Moderator - Yvonne Hinkson

At-large member - Min. Francis Smith

Chair - Faith Formation Committee - Gloria Allen

Standing committees

Faith Formation - Gloria Allen

Committee on Ministry - Louise Martin

Higher Education - Zillah Wesley

Justice and Witness - Vivian Jackson, Diane Kern"

Save the Date! Peoples Church 2023 Vacation Bible School

Monday, August 7, 2023 – Friday, August 11, 2023

*9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. one week program

*Lots of fun learning activities – Bible Stories, music and art, bike safety training, gardening, community service, and more! Watch the church website, the Weekly Bulletin, and the Prodder for more details.

Note: Adult volunteers and teen counselors are needed! If you're interested, Contact Cynthia Prather, Director (info@peopleschurchucc.org) and/or Diana Haines Walton, Chair, Board of Christian Education info@peopleschurchucc.org

"POSSE Scholarship nomination period is now open. The POSSE Foundation provides full four year leadership scholarships to DC, MD and VA youth. Peoples Church, as a community partner, can nominate up to 10 youth. Applicants must be in their junior year of high school. Several Peoples Church members have received this scholarship in the past. Nominations close on August 18, 2023 . For more information please visit possefoundation.org. Contact Yvonne Hinkson at yehinkson@gmail.com to submit a nomination or for more information."

