



PEOPLES
CONGREGATIONAL
United Church of Christ

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

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Reynolds
Interim Minister

Sunday, October 1, 2023
10:00 a.m.

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

Love God and Love Neighbor

ENTER TO WORSHIP...

The Order of the Word
World Communion Sunday
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
The Liturgical Color is Green

CENTERING THOUGHT

“Jesus is God saying to each one of us, “Your faith in me can be as tentative and diffident and fragile as may be, but my faith in you will never waver, not for one single second.” When God says this to you once, saying it again doesn’t make it more true. God says this to us in Jesus. Now that he’s said it, it remains true for always.”

- Sam Wells

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN**

No. 262 AAHH Nolan Williams, Jr.

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minister Geneva Hudson

CALL TO WORSHIP

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Leader: We gather as God’s people to celebrate the beauty of our diversity.

People: Let us love each other as God loves us beautifully and wonderfully made in God’s image.

Leader: We give thanks for who we are, Beloved of God.

People: Let us open our hearts to God’s spirit of love and unity.

Leader: We celebrate the gifts of all gathered here today.

People: Let us worship God with all we are and celebrate the beauty of all God’s creation.

INVOCATION

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Lord, open our eyes to see the beauty in each person we meet. Help us freely share Your love with all Your creation. We give thanks for beautifying Your creation and for making a diverse world. Help us to be kind, compassionate, and loving to all. We thank You, O Lord, for allowing us to grow in our welcome and learn about other cultures as we share Your amazing grace and love with each other and the world. We confess we have been dishonest in our walk with You. We have not treated others with respect and acceptance and have not cared for the least of these as You have called us to do. We acknowledge that too many times, we have taken the effortless way to our benevolence and have mistreated those in need and with judgment. We ask Your forgiveness for all we have done that is not pleasing to You, Oh Lord. We ask Your mercy on us, in Jesus name. Amen!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in You, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to Your deeds, we testify: You call the worlds into being, create persons in Your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by Your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, You have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to Yourself. You bestow upon us Your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 19
Philippians 3: 4b-14
(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

Deacon Malcolm Carpenter
Deacon Gerald Younger

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, Amen*

NEW MEMBERS OF PEOPLES

Gerald Roger Davis and Gerald Anthony Paris

THE READING OF THE COVENANT

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Reynolds

SONG OF PREPARATION

Lowell Mason

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

SERMON

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Reynolds

“STARING AT GOD’S FACE”

HYMN OF INVITATION

No. 400 AAHH Norman Johnson

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Giving of the Bread

The Giving of the Cup

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 264 AAHH Ralph E. Hudson

At the Cross

OFFERTORY

Minister Geneva Hudson

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 SONG

No. 256 AAHH Nolan Williams, Jr.

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Music by Joshua Jenkins, Guest Director of Worship & Peoples Adult Choir

*AAHH- African American Heritage Hymnal

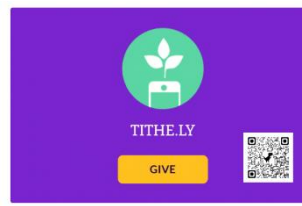
** All who are able, please stand

...DEPART TO SERVE

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 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 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”

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. Join us in singing the *Agnus Dei* (Winter's Dream) by Paul Halley. The Peoples Adult Choir rehearses on Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Contact Dr. Jefferson or any member of our Music Ministry team at info@peopleschurchucc.org about being part of the music ministry at Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ!

Our Church's Wider Mission Special Offering Neighbors in Need!
This Special Offering will be collected this Sunday, October 1, 2023



This offering we be received on the First Sunday of October as part of World Communion Sunday; and supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy, and direct service projects supported by Justice and Local Church Ministries. Please support Our Church's Wider Mission with your generous giving.

We are one body with many different gifts. Three weeks ago, we witnessed the installation of Peoples Church officers, listened to musical praise from singers and musicians, and heard moving messages from our ministers and liturgists.

Psalm 150 declares, "Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!" so if you are interested in praising God with "timbrel and dance"--with movement--we invite you to sign up to explore this ministry of praise and worship. Anyone age 13 and up is welcome--male and female.

Please contact Rev. Regina Boyd at info@peopleschurchucc.org by October 15, 2023, to express your interest. Prior training and experience are desirable but are not required. "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" (1 Cor. 3:16) Join in: Set the Spirit free through your worship of God with movement and dance!

Save the Date: On Sunday, October 22, 2023, the Board of Deacons will sponsor “Family and Friendship Sunday.” Members are encouraged to reach out to family and friends to invite them to join us at our 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. This is your chance to spread the “Good Word” about Peoples Church. It is our hope that this day will revitalize our care and concern for others as we grow spiritually through sharing worship together. The Board of Deacons will host the Coffee Hour following our Worship Service. Please plan to join us on this day of spiritual renewal and fellowship at “The Friendliest Church in the City.”



The Camillia Circle invites you to adorn the altar on Sundays in celebration of a birthday anniversary in memory of a loved one. The flowers may be picked up after the 10 a.m. service by the family member. Please contact Diane Miller, Vernandi Richardson, or any member of the circle at 202-829-5511 no later than the Wednesday before your event. Your support is greatly appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE:

On Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., the Food Pantry will host a Fall Harvest Festival in the parking lot. The festival will be a community event that will include the following.

- Face Painting
- Cooking Demonstration
- Food donations for the Food Pantry
- More details to follow

Attention All Peoples Congregational Circles and Clubs

It's a SURPRISE!

Sunday, October 15, 2023, at the 10:00 AM service Rev. Rubin Tendai will be Honored for Outstanding Service to Peoples Church.

After the service, there will be a Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall, and you are invited to give tributes or tokens of appreciation to Rev. Tendai at this time. Your presentation should not exceed “Three Minutes”.

If you wish to be a part of the program, please contact the Church Office by October 6, 2023.



In Memoriam



Jacqueline Adkins Passed on January 14, 2023	Dr. Robert Baird Passed on June 8
Elizabeth Scott Passed on January 23, 2023	Marian Miller Passed on June 29, 2023
Virginia Spencer Passed on February 16, 2023	Ethel E. Kum Passed on July 30, 2023
Erica Taylor Minor Passed on March 4, 2023	Gloria Dutch Passed on August 10, 2023
Joann Pegues Passed on March 23, 2023	Anthony Diggs Passed on August 24, 2023
Robert Hill Passed on April 9, 2023	Vera J. Banks Passed on August 31, 2023
Arthur Stewart Passed on May 22, 2023	Harold Logan Passed on September 1, 2023



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