



Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ

4704 13th Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20011
Sunday, July 28, 2024
10:00 a.m.

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
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 28, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
The Liturgical Color is Green

CENTERING THOUGHT

“Becoming the Beloved means letting the truth of our Belovedness become enfleshed in everything we think, say, or do.”

– Henri Nouwen
Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN**

No 404 AAHH F. L. Eiland

Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

PRAISE & WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister Geneva Hudson

Leader: Let us sing praises for the wonders of God.

People: Let us give thanks for the works of God.

Leader: Let us rejoice in the love of God!

People: Let us worship in the presence of God!

INVOCATION AND SAVIOR’S PRAYER**

Minister Geneva Hudson

God of mercy, hear our prayer today as we bring our lives before You. Some of us dwell too much on the past. We want to face Your new day with hope and with courage, but many times our own lives weigh us down. We forget to forgive one another. We dwell on our own past mistakes. We refuse to let go of dead issues and worn-out memories. We find it hard to believe that You can truly love people like us. Free us, O God. Free us from our own limited imaginations. Free us from our own limited grace. Free us from ourselves. Free us into truly hearing Your promise that nothing can separate us from Your love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for us, his sheep, and taught us how 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

Psalm 105:1-11
Romans 8:26-39

Deacon Gerald Younger
Deacon Gladys Boyd

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*

SONG OF PREPARATION

Sermon

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

“No Condemnation”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Minister Geneva Hudson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister Geneva Hudson

OFFERTORY

Minister Geneva Hudson

MUSICAL SELECTION

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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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 HYMN**

No. 419 AAHH Charles H. Gabriel

*Higher Ground
(verses 1-3)*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

POSTLUDE

Music by Dr. Robert L. Jefferson, Director of Worship & Peoples Choir
Special guest musician Diedre D. Gray

*AAHH- African American Heritage Hymnal

** All who are able, please stand.

...DEPART TO SERVE

Cover Photo: Bernice Johnson Reagon, Founder of Sweet Honey in the Rock

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

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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.

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 from 8:00 a.m. - 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 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.



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 the above-mentioned wages).

Rehearsals: Once a week except in the summer.

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

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.





In Memoriam



Bezelle Thomas Passed on January 23, 2024	Sam Ewing Passed on April 5, 2024
Yvonne Grasty Passed on January 28, 2024	Maureen Butts Passed on May 6, 2024
Gwendolyn Jenifer Passed on February 23, 2024	Florida Ella Green Passed on May 19, 2024
Norma Kelley Passed on February 27, 2024	Terry Thomas Passed on May 27, 2024
Bernice Johnson Reagon Passed on July 16, 2024	

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 youths. Applicants must be in their junior year of high school. Several Peoples Church members have received this scholarship in the past. Nominations close in August 2024. For more information, please visit possefoundation.org. Contact Yvonne Hinkson at yehinkson@gmail.com to submit a nomination or for more information."

Girls Needed for Scouting! Peoples Church has a long legacy of Girl Scouting in our Nation's Capital. The Daisy level (ages 5-6) is the entry-level into Girl Scouting, and we need girls to join Troop 1563 (Friday evening meetings). Please contact Maureen Sullivan at peopleschurchgirlscouts@gmail.com if you are interested. Enroll your girls today! Feel free to forward this to other families you think may be interested in this great experience!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Campers 4 – 12 years. Our 2024 VBS, Love God, Love Your Neighbor, is a week-long day camp full of bible stories, music, art, exercise, field trips, gardening, service projects, and more. Campers will discover God's love and practice sharing that love with others in our community, city, nation, and the world. Use the QR code to register.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS. Youth counselors support VBS while earning service hours and work experience. Use the registration site to apply as a youth counselor.

VBS Volunteers | Adults 18+ years. We are always looking for adults to help our VBS program. Volunteer tasks include preparing materials, leading an activity, chaperoning, or teaching a class. We welcome help for a couple of hours, a day or all week. Anyone interacting with the campers must complete a background clearance. Use the registration site to register as a VBS volunteer.

Register using the QR code or visit the Peoples web page for details. If you have any questions, email vbscamp@peopleschurchucc.org



Peoples People are in the *UCC News*!

Peoples' members joined local UCC congregations to attend the Mass Poor People's & Low-Wage Workers Assembly and Moral March on Washington, DC and to the Polls on June 29th. See the *UCC News* article that captures a couple of our own!



Vivian Jackson on the far left, along with Michael Hopkins, First Congregational UCC, Rev. Freeman Palmer, Central Atlantic Conference Minister and two other UCC members..

Poor People's Campaign Moral March takes to the streets of Washington, D.C.

by [Renee DeLuca](#) | published on Jul 2, 2024

The [Poor People's Campaign Moral March](#) was held in Washington, D.C. on June 29, attended by thousands of poor and low-wage workers and their supporters from religious, labor and many social justice organizations. Members of the United Church of Christ Washington, D.C. office and several congregations joined to uplift the call to action.

'Jesus was a low-wage worker'

The purpose of the march was to center the needs of over 135 million poor and low-wage workers across the country, and to launch outreach to 15 million poor and low-wage infrequent voters ahead of the 2024 U.S. election in November...



Eric Boyd holding the sign.

...*"Eric Boyd, a member of the [Peoples Congregational UCC](#) in Washington, D.C., said it was the very first protest he had ever attended. "I came out today to help other people who can't help themselves," he shared. "We need to change things around, people don't listen to people who are dirt poor, they just ignore them."*

CONGRATULATIONS ERIC!! And THANK YOU to all who participated in person or online! For the full article go to:

https://www.ucc.org/poor-peoples-campaign-moral-march-takes-to-the-streets-of-washington-d-c/?inf_contact_key=35add4186cb474a1786b2807fc96cc66f651f238aa2edbb9c8b7cff03e0b16a0

THANK YOU!!

The Justice and Witness Action Network – DC Team is grateful for the tremendous level of donations from the Peoples Congregational UCC family. You gave shirts, blouses, pants, undergarments for men and women, rain ponchos, deodorant, sunscreen, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks, shoes, hats, insect repellent, soap, shampoo, even fragrance and nail polish, and more! The need is great. Over 100 people received items from us in the space of an hour, and it was clear that we only touched the surface of their immediate needs. Let's continue to be generous with our gifts, and also be active in shaping and supporting policies that will promote long term solutions for their plight and prevention of their troubles. Our next collection will be in the winter months. And stay tuned to help with advocacy on policy matters. Again, thank you! Vivian Jackson, Co-Chair Justice and Witness Action Network – DC Team.



