



Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ

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**Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds
Interim Minister**

Sunday, March 30, 2025

“This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Psalm 118:24 (NRSV)

Love God and Love Neighbor

ENTER TO WORSHIP...

The Order of the Word
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
The Liturgical Color is Violet

Centering Thought

"This is not God's First Wilderness Journey."

— Rev. Dr. Sherry Davis Molock

Prelude

Opening Hymn

No. 449 AAHH Adelaide A. Pollard

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

****Call to Worship**

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

Leader: Welcome, Sisters and Brothers, as we gather in this sacred space to nurture our spirits and enhance our well-being. Today, we embrace the harmony of body, mind, and soul.

People: We come with open hearts, ready to seek balance and peace.

Leader: Let's pause and center ourselves in a world filled with distractions. Let us Breathe deeply and open our minds to the divine presence.

People: We seek clarity and calm amidst the chaos of life.

Leader: We discover the path to healing and wholeness through spiritual practices. We meditate, pray, and reflect, connecting our spirits with the greater good.

People: We commit to nurturing our inner selves and fostering joy within.

Leader: May this time together be a sanctuary for our hearts; may we find strength in community as we support one another on our journeys.

People: We choose to uplift ourselves and others, understanding that our well-being is intertwined.

Leader: As we worship today, let us embrace practices that enrich our spirit, strengthen our minds and invigorate our bodies.

People: We come to celebrate the gift of well-being, ready to grow in grace and gratitude.

Leader: Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving as we journey towards wholeness together.

People: Amen.

****Litany of Confession and Savior's Prayer** Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

Leader: Gracious and Loving God, as we embark on this sacred Lenten journey, we come before You, acknowledging our need for Your guidance and grace. We gather in this vibrant community, rich in faith and heritage, seeking to deepen our connection with You and one another.

People: Lord, open our hearts and minds so that we may be receptive to Your presence.

Leader: In this season of reflection and renewal, help us to embrace practices that nurture our spirits, uplift our minds, and rejuvenate our bodies. Let us find strength in the rhythms of prayer, meditation, and community, as we draw closer to the essence of who You created us to be.

People: May we remember that our well-being reflects Your love and purpose.

Leader: As we journey together, Lord, grant us the courage to confront our struggles, the wisdom to seek healing, and the humility to support one another. Help us practice forgiveness, compassion, and understanding to uplift ourselves and our brothers and sisters.

People: We lay our burdens at Your feet, trusting in Your provision and protection.

Leader: Let this time of worship be a sanctuary for our spirits, a space where we find hope, healing, and the promise of renewal. May Your Holy Spirit guide our hearts and minds as we seek to promote the well-being of ourselves and our communities. And now, let us unite our voices in the prayer that Jesus taught us, as we say together 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 trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us; 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 Lesson

Psalm 91
Matthew 11:28-30

Deacon Laura Minor
Deacon Warren Romine

Gloria Patri

*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.*

Introduction of Guest Preacher	Deacon Michele Bonhomme
Song of Preparation	Richard Smallwood, William Gaither, and Gloria Gaither <i>Center of My Joy</i>
Sermon	Rev. Dr. Sherry Davis Molock “What We Fail to Notice”
Invitation to Discipleship	Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds
Prayers of the People	Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds
Offertory	Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds
Musical Selection	No. 671 AAHH Doris Akers <i>You Can't Beat God Giving</i>
Offertory Prayer	Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds
**Doxology	Thomas Ken <i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, Ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>
Closing Hymn	No. 252 AAHH Fanny J. Crosby/William H. Doane <i>Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross</i>
**Benediction	Rev. Dr. Sherry Davis Molock
Postlude	Minister Diedre Gray <i>May the Grace of God be With You</i> ...Depart to Serve

Dr. Robert L. Jefferson, Director of Worship and Peoples Congregational Choir

Minister Diedre D. Gray, Assistant Director of Worship and Peoples Praise

*AAHH African American Heritage Hymnal

**All who are able, please stand

- ❖ **This Sunday morning's flowers** on the altar are in honor of Deacon Emeritus Dr. James E. Pierce's 100th upcoming birthday on April 2nd, from this devoted and loving family.
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