



Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ

4704 13th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011

Sunday, August 3, 2025 at 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
Communion Sunday
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 3, 2025
The Liturgical color is White

Centering Thought

So prophetic imagination is grounded in the conviction that God is doing something lively in the world. That it may be slow, but it is very sure that a new world is coming into being that will discredit and dismiss the old totalism.

— Walter Brueggemann

Prelude

G. F. Handel arr. by Curtis Hanson

Thanks Be to Thee

Opening Hymn

No. 257 AAHH William Cowper

There Is a Fountain

Verses 1-3

Welcome and Announcements

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****Call to Worship**

Leader: In the morning, O Lord, You hear our voices; in the morning we lay our requests before You and wait with expectation.

People: Lord, open our ears and hearts to receive Your instruction. Give us faith to follow and the willingness to obey.

Leader: God, open our ears to hear the cries of the needy. Then open our hearts that we may respond with Your goodness and love.

People: You are the giver of life and all it presents to us. Bless us to use what we're given for Your glory.

Leader: Loving God, help us to believe in ourselves as You believe in us. Empower us to seek Your purpose and live to Your expectations as Your children.

All: Dear God, may Your peace abide in us as we seek to do Your will.

Invocation

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Gracious and loving God, You provide so much for Your children. Life itself and all it includes are gifts from Your hands. Help us to show our gratefulness for the treasures with which we have been blessed by using them for the building of Your kingdom. We thank You, Heavenly Father, for claiming us as Your own. Give us the faith and strength to live worthy of that claim. Forgive us when we allow disappointments and trials to cloud our faith. May our trust in You and our love for You never waver. Give us wisdom not to be deceived by this world and what it has to offer, but strengthen us to seek to carry Your message of love and forgiveness. Give us pure hearts and clear vision, we pray. Let the love and the power that You have placed within us be the guiding force behind our love for others, no matter who they are or what they believe. Use us, O Lord, in Your service to all humankind. Amen.

****Affirmation**

Deacon Tanielle Parker

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, and in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 49:1-12

Deacon Malcolm Carpenter

Luke 12:13-21

Deacon Kenneth Parker

****Covenant**

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We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures and in our purpose to walk in the ways of God, made known or to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Jesus Christ to proclaim the Gospel to all humankind, exalting the worship of the one true God and laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of the beloved community. Depending as did our fathers and mothers upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the City of God. We look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and everlasting life.

****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

Song of Preparation

Stuart K. Hine arr. by Marshall McDonald

Then Sings My Soul

LeAta Jackson and Andre Kearns, soloists

Sermon

Minister Geneva Hudson

"True Wealth"

Invitation to Discipleship

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Musical Selection

No. 258 AAHH

There is Power in the Blood

Holy Communion

Introduction Prayer

Invitation to the Table

Leader: Christ invites us to His table, a place of grace and community.

People: We come, seeking connection with God and one another.

Leader: Come, let us remember the love that binds us together.

People: We come, ready to be nourished so that we may nourish others.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Sharing of the Cup

Musical Selection

No. 263 Isaac Watts/Hugh Wilson

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

*(Congregants receive the bread and cup,
and a moment of silence is observed for reflection and prayer.)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Savior's Prayer

Offertory Rev Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

Musical Selection Twila Paris

We Will Glorify

Offertory Prayer Rev Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

****Doxology** Thomas Ken

We give Thee but Thine Own
What e'er the gift may be;
All that we have Thine alone
A trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen

Closing Hymn No. 267 AAHH Traditional

I Know It Was the Blood
verses 1,3,5,6

****Benediction** Minister Geneva Hudson

Postlude (reprise)

We Will Glorify

...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

Peoples Preaching and Worship Schedule

August 2025

Sunday, August 3 (Eighth Sunday after Pentecost) - **Minister Geneva Hudson**, preaching

Sunday, August 10 (Ninth Sunday after Pentecost) - **Dr. Helga Basket-Tippett**, preaching

Sunday, August 17 (Tenth Sunday after Pentecost) - **Rev. George Walker**, preaching

Sunday, August 24 (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost) - **Jazz Worship Sunday**

Sunday, August 31 (Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost) - **Minister Francis Smith**, preaching

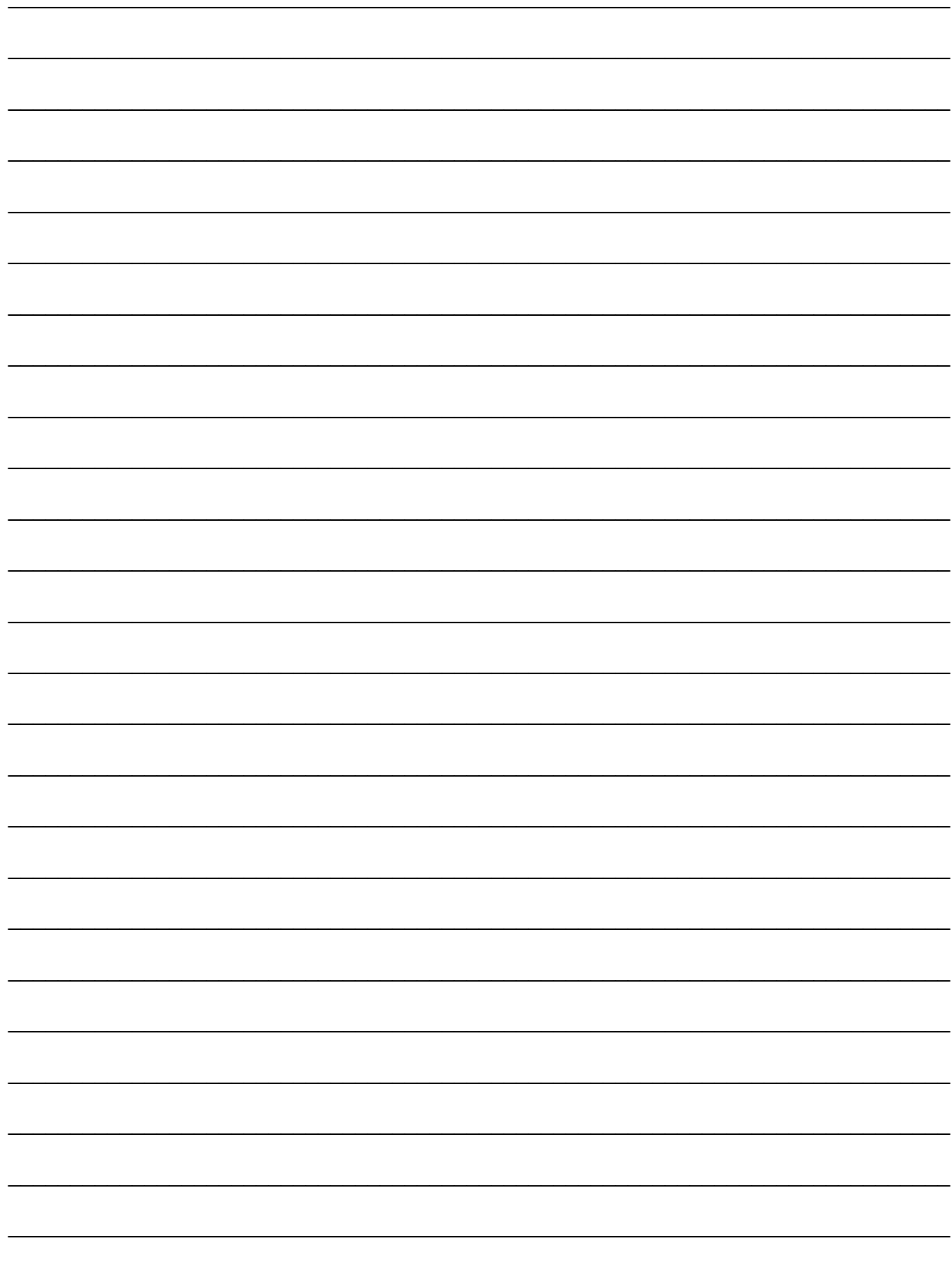
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