



***Embrace Your Comfort . . . Elevate Your Spirit!***

**Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ**  
4704 13th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20011

**Sunday, August 10, 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**  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, August 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.  
The Liturgical color is Green

Centering Thoughts

“The Key phrase here is ‘every human being.’ That is my baseline for becoming Christian anyway—to extend the same care to every human being that I wish for myself, to treat every human being as if he or she were Jesus in disguise.”

— Barbara Brown Taylor

“It is the grace of God that helps those who do everything that lies within their power to achieve that which is beyond their power.”

— Abraham Joshua Heschel

**Prelude**

*Come Thou Fount*  
Toni Robinson and Robert L. Jefferson, *Soloists*

**Opening Hymn**

No. 124 AAHH Martin Luther  
*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**Welcome and Announcements**

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**\*\*Call to Worship**

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Leader: Morning Glory never ceases, Oh Lord, Your majesty is evident each new day.

**People: Our voices rise in thanksgiving for You are the God of our salvation, on You do we wait all day.**

Leader: We need Your grace to do the work You called us to do.

**People: Your daily bread of grace nourishes us and fortifies us for the long journey ahead in the fight for Justice.**

Leader: Let us march boldly in our fight for Justice, for God loves the poor.

**People: Jesus has sent us to bring good news to the poor. To proclaim the release of the immigrants, recover sight to the morally blind, to free the oppressed from executive orders and unlawful tariffs. May it be so.**

**All: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; Thou who hast by Thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.**

**\*\*Invocation and our Savior's Prayer**

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Gracious and Loving God, as we gather in this sacred space, we pause to invite Your presence among us. We come together as a community seeking connection, inspiration, and strength. May Your Spirit dwell in our hearts, guiding our minds and uniting us in purpose. Help us to remember that every human being is made in Your image and deserving of love and respect. Grant us the vision to see You in one another, and the courage to extend the grace that we have received. Empower us to reach out in compassion, fostering hope and justice for those who are marginalized and oppressed. As we worship today, open our ears to hear Your voice, our hearts to feel Your love, and our spirits to be renewed in Your service. May our prayers and songs rise as a fragrant offering to You, igniting a fire within us to act boldly in faith and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Guide and Redeemer, our Savior and Shepherd, who taught us to pray and exemplified the beauty of a life grounded in prayer by 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Scripture Readings**Isaiah 10: 1-4  
Ephesians 6:10-18Deacon George Loines  
Deacon Gerald Younger**Gloria Patria**

Saint Hilary of Poitiers

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost as it was at the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be,  
World without end.  
Amen

**Litany and Prayer for Students**

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

**Song of Preparation**

Phill McHugh

God and God Alone  
Toni Robinson, *soloist***Sermon**

Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

"Boots On the Ground"

**Invitation to Discipleship**

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**Prayers of the People**

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**Offertory** Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

**Offertory Selection** Albert Hay Malotte

*The Lord's Prayer*  
Aaron Cox, French Horn

**Offertory Prayer** Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

**\*\*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. 478 AAHH Traditional

*What A Mighty God We Serve*

**Benediction** Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

**Postlude** No. 129 AAHH Eddie Williams

*Lord, Keep Me Day by Day*

...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 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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