



Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ

4704 13th Street NW
Washington, DC 20011

Sunday, April 19, 2026 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 WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Easter

EARTH SUNDAY

Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

The Liturgical Color is White

CENTERING THOUGHT

“To be known is not frivolous; it is survival. You will not survive by self-care and self-love alone. Who will hold you? Who will remember you? You are something to behold. You, who are flawed and mysterious and needy and good.”

– Cole Arthur Riley

PRELUDE

Robert J. Fryson

Glorious is the Name of Jesus

OPENING HYMN

No. 246 **AAHH William R. Newell

Daniel B. Towner

At Calvary

PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister Geneva Hudson

Leader: Grace and peace to you from the One who calls us into community! Today, we gather to reflect on the story of Tabitha, reminding us of how our identities weave together in the fabric of faith.

People: We come with open hearts to learn from Tabitha, the gazelle woman whose kindness knew no bounds.

Leader: Just like Peter, who responded to the pleadings of the church in Joppa, may we be attentive to the needs around us. In moments of sorrow and loss, may we repeat the compassion of Christ.

People: We gather to celebrate the unifying power of love, breaking down barriers between us, just as the early church did.

Leader: Tabitha's acts of charity and goodness inspire us to be engaged in our communities, serving without restraint. May her spirit of generosity guide our actions today.

People: Teach us, Tabitha! May we dart through our own communities with kindness and grace.

Leader: As we worship together—Jews and Gentiles, young and old, familiar and new—let us embrace the beauty of our shared stories and our diverse names.

People: May the risen Christ shine through our lives, empowering us to love one another as He has loved us.

Leader: Let us worship together, remembering that each of us has a place in this beloved community.

***INVOCATION AND SAVIOR’S PRAYER**

Minister Geneva Hudson

Leader: O God of compassion and grace, we gather today in Your presence, drawn together by love and the stories that shape our lives.

People: We open our hearts to Your Spirit, ready to be transformed.

Leader: Just as You breathed life into Tabitha, breathe Your life into us this day.

People: May we embody kindness and generosity, reflecting the love of Christ in all that we do.

Leader: Rekindle our commitment to serve one another and to bridge divides within our communities.

People: Teach us, O God, to walk in Your ways and to shine as lights in the world.

Leader: As we worship, may our voices rise in harmony, united in purpose and praise. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Shepherd, Who taught us to pray and exemplified the beauty of a life grounded in prayer by saying:

All: 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

Psalm 133
Acts 9:36-43

Deacon Priscilla Wallace
Constance Harris

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

CeCe Winans

Goodness of God

SERMON

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

“TEACH US, TABITHA!”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

OFFERTORY

Minister Geneva Hudson

OFFERTORY SELECTION

Joe Pace

I Will Bless the Lord at All Times

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 HYMN**

No. 137 **AAHH Civilla D. Martin/
W. Stillman Martin

God Will Take Care of You

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

POSTLUDE

Kurt Carr

Be Blessed

. . . 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

Minister Geneva Hudson, Minister of Congregational Care
Minister Francis Smith, Minister of Community Engagement
Dr. Helga Baskett -Tippett, Ministerial Team
Rev. George Walker, Ministerial Team

***All who are able, please stand**
****AAHH- African American Hymnal**

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PEOPLES PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

APRIL 2026

Sunday, April 5 Easter/Resurrection Sunday

Women's Fellowship Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 am

"An Eternal Power, A Living Hope" Psalm 16:1-2, 5-11; Luke 24:21; I Peter 3:8-9

- Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett, *Preaching*
- Minister Geneva Hudson, *Worship Leader*

Sunday, April 5 (Easter Sunday) 10:00 am

"Transformed By Resurrection" Psalm 118:1-2; 14-24; John 20:1-18

- Rev. Bragg-Reynolds, *Preaching*
- Minister Francis Smith, *Worship Leader*

Sunday, April 12 (Second Sunday of Easter) *

"Memory and Easter" Psalm 136:1-16; Luke 24:1-13

- Rev. Bragg-Reynolds, *Preaching*
- Rev. George Walker, *Worship Leader*

Sunday, April 19 (Third Sunday of Easter) *

"Teach Us, Tabitha!" Psalm 133; Acts 9:36-43

- Rev. Bragg-Reynolds, *Preaching*
- Minister Geneva Hudson, *Worship Leader*

Sunday, April 26 (Fourth Sunday of Easter) *

"A Spiritual Gymnasium" Psalm 23; I John 4:7-21

- Rev. Bragg-Reynolds, *Preaching*
- Minister Geneva Hudson, *Worship Leader*

*** Indicates Sermon-Talk-Back following the service in the Corbin Lounge**

EARTH SUNDAY

FRIENDLY TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGE

Sunday, April 19th

A day to care for God's creation & conserve Earth's resources



Who's Invited?

Church Members, Visitors & Neighbors - everyone can participate!



Your Challenge:

Post a picture of YOU completing the challenge on Earth Sunday!



#EarthSundayChallenge

Conserve Earth's Resources



SAVE WATER



SAVE ENERGY



REDUCE EMISSIONS





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