



Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ

4704 13th Street NW
Washington, DC 20011

Sunday, May 3, 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
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
The Liturgical Color is White

CENTERING THOUGHT

"As we navigate the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, may we remember that even in our busiest moments, there is profound meaning to be found. Like the rhythm of life itself, we are called to dance through our challenges, embracing each task as an opportunity for growth and connection. In the words of our ancestors, let us not simply rush from one moment to the next; instead, let us find purpose and strength in the journey, knowing that through our struggles, we become a testament to resilience and faith."

– Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Andre Crouch

Bless the Lord

OPENING HYMN

No. 288 AAHH *George J. Elvey

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Verses 1&2 (All) Verse 3 (Women) Verse 4 (Men) Verse 5 (All)

PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. George Walker

Leader: As we gather in this sacred space, let us pause and reflect on the challenges that fill our days. How often do we find ourselves longing for easier moments, wishing for relief from our busy lives?

People: **We acknowledge the weight of our tasks and the busyness that can cloud our Spirit. Yet, we come here seeking deeper meaning amid our struggles.**

Leader: The psalmist reminds us to trust in the Lord, to find refuge in God's steadfast love. In times of uncertainty, we can turn our hearts to the One who sees us and hears our cries.

People: We place our trust in God, who knows our hearts and holds our Burdens. We come with open minds and willing spirits.

Leader: The apostle Paul expressed gratitude and hope for the faithful. He understood that in community, we find strength and encouragement. As we gather to worship, let us open ourselves to the gifts that God has for each of us today.

People: May we be moved by the Spirit, challenged in our hearts, and uplifted by one another.

***INVOCATION**

Rev. George Walker

Gracious and loving God, as we gather this morning, we invite Your presence among us. Fill our hearts with gratitude and our minds with clarity, as we come together to seek meaning in the busyness of our lives. Open our ears to hear Your voice and our hearts to feel Your love, that we may find strength in one another and purpose in our daily tasks. May our worship today inspire us to embrace the challenges we face, and may we leave this place renewed, with a deeper understanding of Your grace and guidance. Amen.

MUSICAL SELECTION

Stephen Paulus

Pilgrims' Hymn

****AFFIRMATION**

Deacon Carrie Tyus

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 31:1-5, 15-16
Romans 1:8-17

Deacon Malcolm Carpenter
Deacon Kenneth Parker

**COVENANT

Rev. George Walker

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 the life everlasting.

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*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

SONG OF PREPARATION

Jackie Gouche Farris

My Help Cometh From the Lord

SERMON

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

“MOVED AND CHALLENGED”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. George Walker

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HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

CHOIR AND

CONGREGATION SINGING

Glenn Burleigh

Do This In Remembrance of Me

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good, joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in Your image and breathed in us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made a covenant to be our God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son, Jesus Christ. By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to Your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

When the supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

And so, in remembrance of these, Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us.

People: Amen.



PRAYER OF COMMUNION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Leader: The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Leader: The cup over which we give thanks is sharing in the blood of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one cup.

INVITATION TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

As we wait for Communion to be served, please take a moment as the soft music plays, for personal reflection and prayer.

CHOIR AND

CONGREGATION SINGING

Thomas J. Portner

Let Us Be Bread

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

POST COMMUNION AND SAVIOR'S PRAYER

...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, and 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

OFFERTORY

Rev. George Walker

OFFERTORY SELECTION

No. 256 AAHH* Andre Crouch

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. George Walker

***DOXOLOGY**

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

***CLOSING HYMN**

No. 264 AAHH* Isaac Watts/
Ralph E. Hudson

At the Cross

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

POSTLUDE

Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord Bless You/Threefold Amen

. . . 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 Heritage Hymnal**

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PEOPLES PREACHING AND WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE MAY 2026

Sunday, May 3, 10:00 a.m. (Fifth Sunday of Easter) *

"Moved and Challenged" Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Romans 1:8-17

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

Sunday, May 10, 10:00 a.m. (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

Mother's Day and Women's Day – Women's Fellowship

"Her Story, Our Talk Across Generations" Psalm 139:14

- **Diana Veiga**, *Worship Leader*

Sunday, May 17, 10:00 a.m. (Seventh Sunday of Easter) *

"You, Me, and David" Psalm 51; Romans 7

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

Sunday, May 17, 3:00 p.m.

Ordination Service for Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

Sunday, May 24, 10:00 a.m. (Pentecost Sunday)

Confirmation Sunday

"Gift of the Spirit" Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-21

- **Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds**, *Preaching*
- **[Rev.] Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett**, *Worship Leader*

Sunday, May 31, 10:00 a.m. (Trinity Sunday) *

"Make a Choice" Psalm 8; I Corinthians 13:11-13

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

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

The Wellness Ministry

is sponsoring

A

CPR Certification Class

Get your 2 year certification/recertification for CPR and First Aid.



Where: People's Congregational UCC, 4704 13th St NW, Washington, DC 20011

When : Saturday, June 20, 2026 at 9:30:00 AM

The training will include: Compression only resuscitation in adult child and infant, first aid and choking in adult, child and infant.

The class will be conducted by a member of DC Fire and Rescue Squad. The cost is \$55.00 per participant.

RSVP to bwellatpeoples@gmail.com

Happening at Peoples . . .

Sunday, May 10, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. (Mother's Day)
Women's Fellowship Sunday

Sunday, May 17, 2026 – 3:00p.m. (tentative)
Ordination Service for Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett

Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation Class 2026

Friday, May 29 – Sunday, May 31 – All Day
Women's Fellowship Retreat

Sunday, June 7, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
Evangelism and Outreach: Preparing for Our Senior Minister
1. **Church-wide Potluck 11:30 am – 2:00 p.m.**

Monday, June 8, 2026 – 9:00 am to 5:00 p.m.
Church Open for Prayer with Ministerial and Prayer Teams

Monday, June 8, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Congregational Prayer Service

Sunday, June 14, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
Student Recognition Sunday

Saturday, June 20, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.
The Wellness Ministry sponsors CPR Certificate Class

Sunday, June 21, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. (Father's Day)
Men's Fellowship Sunday

Sunday, June 28, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
Annual Caribbean - American Interfaith Service

*The schedule is subject to change.



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