



Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ

4704 13th Street NW
Washington, DC 20011

Sunday, May 17, 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
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
The Liturgical Color is White

CENTERING THOUGHT

“I feel lonely and serious. Something has been happening to me, a change that has been a long time coming. I want to be real.

-Assata Shakur

PRELUDE

***PROCESSIONAL**

Stephen Pishner

Alleluia

***OPENING HYMN**

No. 461 AAHH

Margaret Pleasant Doureux

Give Me A Clean Heart

Verse 1

PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

PRAISE & WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Minister Geneva Hudson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister Geneva Hudson

Leader: As we gather in the spirit of community, each one of us is carrying our own stories of struggle and grace.

People: We come, united by our shared journey, seeking understanding and connection.

Leader: Like the sailor reaching for the crow's nest, we aspire to heights that often feel just beyond our grasp.

People: Yet, we find ourselves tethered to our limitations, wrestling with the weight of our choices.

Leader: Together, we acknowledge the tension between who we are and who we long to be.

People: In our missteps and doubts, we discover our common humanity.

Leader: Just as David sought refuge in the One who knows our hearts, we too seek solace and renewal.

People: In this sacred space, we open ourselves to grace and forgiveness.

Leader: Let us lift our hearts in worship, embracing both our questions and our hopes.

People: We come to celebrate the journey, together, in faith and love. Amen.

***INVOCATION AND SAVIOR’S PRAYER**

Minister Geneva Hudson

Gracious Creator, we gather before You with hearts open and minds seeking. In this sacred space, we acknowledge the journey we each walk—the struggles, the doubts, and the aspirations that bind us together. As we pause from the busyness of our lives, help us to find stillness in Your presence. May Your wisdom guide our thoughts, Your love fill our hearts, and Your grace surround us as we worship. Enable us to embrace both our questions and our truths, and may we be transformed by the light of Your Spirit. We offer this time to you, seeking connection, renewal, and understanding. 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: 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 51

Deacon Gladys Boyd

Romans 7

Deacon Natasha DuBose

***GLORIA PATRI**

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*

SONG OF PREPARATION

William Tolson

Lord, We Praise You

SERMON

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

“YOU, ME, AND DAVID”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Minister Geneva Hudson

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

OFFERTORY

Minister Geneva Hudson

OFFERTORY SELECTION

Elise Lewis

My Offering

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. 291 AAHH Frederick Whitfield

O How I Love Jesus

***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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What's Happening at Peoples . . .

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

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

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



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