



## **Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ**

4704 13th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20011

**Sunday, June 7, 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**  
Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.  
The Liturgical Color is Green\*\*\*

**CENTERING THOUGHT**

“Your presence is here.

In the city—on the busy bus, in the factory, in the cockpit of the airplane; in the hospital—in the patients rooms, in the intensive care unit, in the waiting room; in the home—at dinner, in the bedroom, in the family room, at my workbench; in the car—in the parking lot, at the stoplight.

Lord, reveal your presence to me everywhere, and help me become aware of your presence each moment of the day.”

– Robert Wood  
*A Thirty-Day Experiment in Prayer*

**PRELUDE**

Forever Jones

*He Wants It All*

**Processional**

Stephen Pishner

*Gospel Alleluia*

Al-le-luia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us be glad in it, rejoice and be glad!

**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: We are gathered on Holy Ground, called to recognize the presence of God in our midst.

**People: Lord, open our eyes to see You in every corner of our lives.**

Leader: Like Moses, we encounter the divine in unexpected places and moments.

**People: Help us to take off our sandals and approach with reverence, aware that we stand on sacred ground.**

Leader: In the midst of our busy lives, may we pause to witness Your glory.

**People: As we gather in worship, may our hearts be attuned to the holy, and our spirits ready to receive Your call.**

Leader: Let us worship God, who invites us to experience the mystery and majesty of God.

**All: Amen!**

**\*INVOCATION**

Minister Geneva Hudson

**Gracious and Almighty God, we gather in Your presence with thankful hearts, seeking to encounter the holy and the divine. As we stand on this sacred ground, open our eyes and ears to Your voice. Help us shed our distractions and doubts, so we can fully engage in this moment of worship. May Your Spirit move among us, guiding our thoughts, lifting our prayers, and filling us with Your peace. Inspire us through Scripture, song, and fellowship, that we may leave this place transformed, ready to serve You in the world. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**Musical Selection**

William L. Dawson

*There is a Balm in Gilead*

**\*\*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 138  
[Exodus 3:1-15]  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Deacon Malcolm Carpenter

Deacon Kenneth Parker

## \*\*COVENANT

Minister Geneva Hudson

**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.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

## \*\*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

Paul Jones

*I Won't Complain*

## SERMON

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

**“ON HOLY GROUND”**

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## HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation to the Table

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: We gather at this table, invited by Christ, who calls us to partake in the life-giving gift of bread and cup. This meal is a testament to God's love for us—a love that knows no bounds and embraces all.

**People: We come seeking nourishment for our souls and strength for our journey.**

Leader: Let us remember that on the night before He died, Jesus gathered with His friends to share a meal. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**People: We remember His love made manifest through this simple gift.**

Leader: After the meal, He took the cup, gave thanks, and shared it, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Drink it, all of you, in remembrance of me."

**People: We celebrate this new covenant, a promise that we are forever held in God's grace.**

Leader: Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: Let us join together in prayer.

*Pause for a moment of silence for reflection.*

Leader: Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of bread and cup, that they may become the body and blood of Christ for us. May they nourish our spirits and unite us as one family in Christ.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: The table is prepared, and all are welcome. Come, taste and see that the Lord is good.

*As we wait for the Deacons to ensure all are served, please take a moment as the soft music plays, for personal reflection and prayer.*

**LET US BE BREAD**

Thomas J. Porter

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,  
bro - ken and shared, life for the world.  
Let us be wine, love free - ly poured.  
Let us be one in the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Leader: Let us join together in the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

**Gracious God, thank you for this feast of love and unity. As we go forth from this table, may we carry the Spirit of Christ into the world, sharing grace and compassion with all we encounter. 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.**

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**OFFERTORY**

Minister Geneva Hudson

**OFFERTORY SELECTION**

V. Michael McKay

*The Battle is the Lord's*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Minister Geneva Hudson

**\*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. 256 AAHH\*\* André Crouch

*The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds

**POSTLUDE**

Isaac Watts/Ralph E. Hudson

*At the Cross  
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

**Special Guest Soloist**, Verlene Faust

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

**\*All who are able, please stand**

**\*\*AAHH African American Hymnal**

**\*\*\*The communion table is draped with a green tablecloth for Holy Communion**

## **REALM REGISTRATION**

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# PEOPLES PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## JUNE 2026

**Sunday, June 7, 10:00 a.m.** (Second Sunday after Pentecost) \*

*"On Holy Ground" Psalm 138; Exodus 3:1-5; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1*

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

**Sunday, June 14, 10:00 a.m.** (Third Sunday after Pentecost)

Student Recognition Sunday – Board of Christian Education and Scholarship Committee

- **Dr. Davie Celeste Williams Yarborough**, *Speaker*  
Ph.D. Educational Psychology  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
- **Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds**, *Worship Leader*

**Sunday, June 21, 10:00 a.m.** (Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

Father's Day and Men's Day – Men's Fellowship

*"Men of Hope" Psalm 116; Luke 24:13-35*

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

**Sunday, June 28, 10:00 am** (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

Caribbean American Interfaith Service

*"Honoring Caribbean Contributions to America – 250 Years and Counting"*

*"Honoring Legacy and Tradition" I Kings 8:58-61; Hebrews 11:1-7*

- **Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson**, General Minister  
"President of the United Church of Christ", *Preaching*
- **Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds**, *Worship Leader*

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

# Happening at Peoples . . .

**Sunday, June 7, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Evangelism and Outreach: Preparing for Our Senior Minister  
Church Conversation and Meal – 11:30 am – 2:00 p.m.**

**Monday, June 8, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. 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)**

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\*The schedule is subject to change.

# "Embracing the Future as a Congregation"

## **Objective**

To foster deeper connections within our congregation while encouraging prayer, evangelism, and outreach through a series of focused events designed to discuss our collective future in faith and mission as we prepare for a new senior minister.

The summer plans focus on creating an inclusive environment where diverse groups within the church can share their thoughts, needs, and dreams for the church's future. We aim for spirited discussions, prayer, and targeted outreach.

## **Weekly Focus Group Sessions**

### **Schedule:**

**Tuesdays:** 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

June 16, 23, 30, July 14, 21, and 28

*In-person, Corbin Lounge*

**Thursdays:** 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

June 18, 25, July 2, 16, 23, and 30

*Zoom (Use Bible Study Zoom link)*

## **Specific Focus Groups**

### **Group 1: Evangelism and Community Outreach**

Exploring strategies for reaching out to the broader community.

### **Group 2: Internal Strengths and Support**

Discussing how to strengthen and support existing church members.

### **Group 3: Service Projects Planning**

Brainstorming and planning local service projects.

### **Group 4: Faith Formation and Education**

Developing new educational opportunities for all age groups.



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