



Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ  
4704 Thirteenth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20011

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Reynolds, Interim Minister

Sunday, June 25, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

*"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."  
Psalm 118: 24 (NRSV)*

*Love God & Love Neighbor*

ENTER TO WORSHIP...

The Order of the Word  
**Caribbean Heritage Sunday /Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Sunday, June 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.  
The Liturgical Color is Green.

**CENTERING THOUGHT**

“The Black skin is not a badge of shame, but rather a glorious symbol of national greatness.”  
- Marcus Garvey

**PRELUDE**

*By the River of Babylon...*  
HANDS on DRUMS, DC

**OPENING HYMN**

*The Right Hand of God*  
(Insert)

**WELCOME**

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Reynolds

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Minister Geneva Hudson

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Reynolds

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
People: for the LORD's steadfast love endures forever.  
Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods,  
People: for the LORD's steadfast love endures forever.  
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
People: for the LORD's steadfast love endures forever.

**THE UNISON INVOCATION AND OUR SAVIOR'S PRAYER**

Minister Geneva Hudson

Holy and Beloved One, Author of Life, transcendent and yet closer than our breath – we gather first just to say, “thank you.” We thank You for the privilege of being in relationship with You. We thank You that You know us and call us by name to follow in Your way. We thank You for being our Master Teacher, leading us through the text of Your life, death, and resurrection. We thank You for being the one who cares so much about us that not even a hair can fall from our heads without You taking notice. We thank You for challenging us to claim our identity as Your disciples even when claiming so puts us at risk of adversity for Your name's sake and for the sake of compassion, justice, and extravagant welcome to all. We thank You for this community of Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ and we ask that You make Your presence felt with and among us. Help us to see You in the faces of all who are gathered in this place, whether in-person or virtually. On this Caribbean Sunday, help us to celebrate the beautiful array of all we are as we worship You in spirit and in truthfulness. These things we pray in the name of the One who calls us continually to life more abundantly, and who has taught his disciples to pray 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

**RELIGIOUS OVERVIEW & SCRIPTURE READING**

*Psalm 137: 1-6*

Ras Dr. Wayne Rose, School of Sacrament. Ras Tafari University  
Dr. Carolivia Herron, Tifereth Israel Congregation

*1 Peter 2: 9-12*

Mr. Alvin Seecharan,  
Hindu Temple of Metropolitan Washington

**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*

THE NATURE OF THE OCCASION

Dr. Goulda Downer, Chair  
Caribbean-American Interfaith Service Committee

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER

Ambassador Wendell Jones,  
Co-Chair Caricom Caucus of Ambassadors

SONG OF PREPARATION

Thomas O. Chisholm

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
David Machado, Saxophonist

THE SERMON

Dr. Julius Garvey

“We Must Sing Our Song in the Strang Land:  
The example of Marcus Garvey”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Reynolds

SONG OF INVITATION

No: 355 Joel Britton AAHH

*We Offer Christ to You*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hajji Rooknudeen Ali  
Islamic Society of the Washington Area

HYMN OF RESPONSE

David Machado,  
Saxophonist

*Our Father's Prayer*

PRAYERS FOR THE CARIBBEAN CORPS OF AMBASSADORS

Rev. Dr. Noel Godfrey  
Associate Minister, New Antioch  
Baptist Church of Randallstown

OFFERTORY

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Reynolds

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Carolivia Herron,  
Tifereth Israel Congregation

DOXOLOGY

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*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 REMARKS

Dr. Donna Christensen,  
Former U.S. Representative (D-Virgin Islands)  
& President-Elect, Caribbean-American PAC

FINAL REMARKS

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Reynolds

CLOSING HYMN

No. 540 James W. Johnson AAHH

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

BENEDICTION

Ras Dr. Wayne Rose,  
School of the Sacrament, Ras Tafari University

POSTLUDE

*Roll River Jordan-*  
HANDS on DRUMS, DC

...DEPART TO SERVE

Music Provided by Dr. Robert Jefferson, Director of Worship and Peoples Adult Choir  
\*\*AAHH- African American Heritage Hymnal

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Ms. Denise Bailey (*Trinidad & Tobago*)
- Dr. Roberto Dansie (*U.S.A.*)
- Mr. Alexander Dansie (*U.S.A.*)
- Ms. Emily Ann Dansie (*U.S.A.*)
- Dr Thelma Browne-Phillips, (*St. Kits & Nevis*)
- Dr Donna Christensen (*U.S. VI*)
- Dr. Goulda A. Downer, Chair, Planning Committee, Chair (C-PAC/Peoples UCC) (*Jamaica*)
- Dr. Sandra Duval (*Haiti*)
- Ms. Carmen Edwards (*Jamaica*)
- Dr Frances Jefferson (*Bahamas*)
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- Ms. Suzanne Matthews-Williams (*Guyana*)
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- Ms. Marvena Simmonds (*Trinidad & Tobago*)
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- Ms. Jennifer Wilson (*Jamaica*)

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- Ms. Moye Stephenson-Fairweather

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- Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ
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- HANDS on DRUMS, DC
- Tifereth Israel Congregation
- Mr. David Machado, Saxophonist
- Ms. Tonya Fasuci
- New Antioch Baptist Church of Randallstown
- Ms. Kayin Slaughter

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEOPLES CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For weekly “What's Happening” submissions and monthly Prodder submissions, please send all newsletter articles to email: [info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org). The deadline for “What's Happening” is Wednesday at noon. Prodder submissions must be submitted by 12:00 Noon on the 20th of the prior month.
- A confirmation email reply will be sent upon completion of all requests.

### Direct Links to Online Giving for Donations

Prayer Meeting



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**Wednesday Word Devotional Conference Call**  
605-475-5950 Access Code: 8964544#  
Second and Fourth Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

**Wednesday Noon Prayer Service**  
*Call 518-992-1039, Access Code: 659959#*  
*Prayer Service is every Wednesday at Noon.*

**Thursday Virtual Bible Study**  
**Join Zoom Meeting 6:00 p.m.**  
<https://zoom.us/j/99268523678?pwd=NFZrUzNIUXBXczJkMWVxZ1VZclU5UT09>  
Dial-in Number: 301-715-8592  
Meeting ID: 992 6852 3678 - Password: 784420

**Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ**  
**Sunday Morning Praise and Worship Teleconference**  
Call-in-Number 720-740-9739 Access Code 4684874  
The Line Opens at 6:55 a.m.

**Virtual Adult Church School**  
**Adult Church School Every Sunday at 8:00 - 9:15 a.m.**  
**Join Zoom Meeting**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88390857788?pwd=RmZoY2xqeTBIRVdTK09XWFY5cG9OQT09>  
Meeting ID: 837 4429 8433 Passcode: 853640

**Church School meets Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
**Sermon By Phone**  
**Available every Sunday at 12:00 p.m. Dial 1-202-318-5405**

Do you like to sing? Do you play a musical instrument? Come and be a part of the music ministry at Peoples!  
Everyone is invited. We rehearse on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We'd love to have you. Contact Dr.

Jefferson  
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music! Instrumentalists are also welcome. We will be performing music from Handel to Ellington - from Dett to Smallwood, and more. We are also in need of a volunteer to help catalogue the music in the music library.

Contact Dr. Jefferson or any member of our Music Ministry team at [info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org) about being part of the music ministry at Peoples.

**Nominating Committee**  
**Peoples Church 2023 Nominations and Election Timeline**

**Friday, March 1, 2023**  
Nomination Forms Available Online to Congregation

**Thursday, April 20, 2023**  
Deadline for Nomination Forms

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023**  
Present Draft Slate for Approval at Church Council Meeting

**Friday, May 5, 2023**  
Slate Distributed to Congregation

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023**  
Nominations from the Floor

**Thursday, June 1, 2023**  
Candidates Brief Bio/final slate

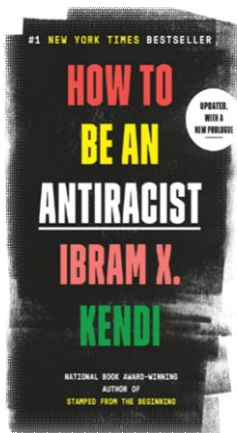
**Tuesday, June 13, 2023**  
Meet and Greet candidates

**Monday, June 19 through Saturday, June 24, 2023**  
Electronic voting!

**Friday, June 30, 2023**  
The church clerk will notify elected candidates  
Results posted on the church website, email to congregation

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### United Church of Christ ALL-CHURCH READ

*How to be an Antiracist*

By Ibram X. Kendi

Thanks to all who joined the Peoples Board of Christian Social Action and First Congregational UCC book reading group that began on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you were not able to join the group, but still want to engage in the UCC ALL-CHURCH READ, please go to the UCC website for video resources, zoom opportunities, discussion boards for exploration of the implications of this book within the faith community. Go to

<https://jointhemovementucc.org/jtm-news/all-church-read-how-to-be-an-antiracist/> For more information contact Vivian Jackson at [info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org).

**SAVE THE DATE! PEOPLES CHURCH 2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Monday, August 7, 2023 - Friday, August 11, 2023

\*9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. one week program

\*Lots of fun learning activities - Bible Stories, music and art, bike safety training, gardening, community service, and more! Watch the church website, the Weekly Bulletin, and the Prodder for more details.

Note: Adult volunteers and teen counselors are needed! If you're interested, Contact Cynthia Prather, Director ([info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org)) and/or Diana Haines Walton, Chair, Board of Christian Education [info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org)

**POSSE SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATION PERIOD IS NOW OPEN.**

The POSSE Foundation provides full four-year leadership scholarships to DC, MD, and VA youth. Peoples Church, as a community partner, can nominate up to 10 youth. Applicants must be in their junior year of high school. Several Peoples Church members have received this scholarship in the past. Nominations close on August 18, 2023. For more information, please visit [possefoundation.org](http://possefoundation.org). Contact Yvonne Hinkson at [info@peopleschurchucc.org](mailto:info@peopleschurchucc.org) to submit a nomination or for more information.



# *In Memoriam*



<i>Jacqueline Adkins</i> <i>Passed on January 14, 2023</i>	<i>Joann Pegues</i> <i>Passed on March 23, 2023</i>
<i>Elizabeth Scott</i> <i>Passed on January 23, 2023</i>	<i>Robert Hill</i> <i>Passed on April 9, 2023</i>
<i>Virginia Spencer</i> <i>Passed on February 16, 2023</i>	<i>Arthur Stewart</i> <i>Passed on May 22, 2023</i>
<i>Erica Taylor Minor</i> <i>Passed on March 4, 2023</i>	<i>Dr. Robert Baird</i> <i>Passed on June 8, 2023</i>

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