

May 13, 2022, at

First Congregational United Church of Christ

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

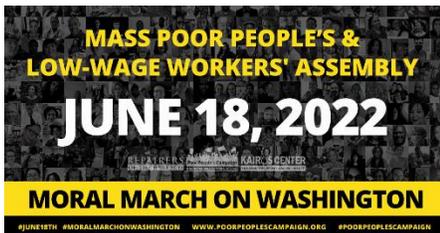
Worshipping Sundays at 10:30 AM via Zoom and in person



Worship with us this Sunday

[Click here](#) to join us by Zoom or [click here](#) to sign up to worship with us in the sanctuary this Sunday as we continue our theme "Embodied Faith." Ellen Bushmiller will lead our call to worship and unison prayer. Susan Anderson and Jean Alexander will serve as our scripture readers with texts from Deuteronomy 28:1-6 and Acts 5:12-16. Rev. Amanda will preach.

Dennis Turner will serve as our musician and he chor will sing the anthem, "May the Angels of God Watch Over You," as well as a choral benediction. We will also offer prayers of the people.



Poor People's Campaign March on Washington: Sign Up!

[Click here](#) to sign up for any one of the following: serve food at the community dinner on Friday, June 17 in Freedom Plaza; attend the memorial service for all who died from COVID at the Lincoln Memorial on Friday, June 17; host marchers in your home; provide hospitality

at the church on Saturday, June 18 before the march and rally for UCC folks from around the country. The Poor People's Campaign is asking everyone who plans to march/rally to register, [click here](#) to do so. This is a family-friendly event aiming to shift the moral narrative, build power, and make real policies that fully address poverty. Please remember that you can give to our Second Sunday offering to support PPC throughout the month of May by writing a check or donating on our website through Vanco or PayPal; please indicate "Second Sunday offering" in the memo/note section.



DEMOCRACY UNDER ATTACK Voting Rights & the 2022 Elections

Saturday May 21st 9:30am-12pm

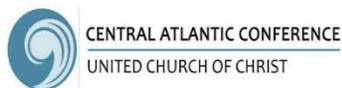
**Rev. Dr. Stephen G. Ray Jr.
Preacher**

***Hosted at Peoples Congregational UCC,
Washington DC***

**RSVP Now at <https://bit.ly/May21Democracy>
(Online & In-Person)**

Join us for a denomination-wide pre-event to the Mass Poor People's & Low-Wage Workers' Assembly & Moral March on Washington & to the Polls June 18th in Washington D.C. UCC justice leaders, clergy and local churches will gather for worship, learn from civil rights leaders about the state of our democracy, voting rights and what is at stake in the November elections, and get prepared to stand side-by-side with poor people and low-wage workers to demand real change on June 18th. There is no moral cause more urgent right now than protecting our democracy and advancing the right to vote. Every justice cause is impacted by whether citizens can participate fully, fairly and freely in elections. Coming together as a people of faith to organize and fight for justice, we will work to safeguard our nation against authoritarianism and move closer to a true democracy. We look forward to your participation.

Organized in partnership with the Washington DC Office of the UCC Justice & Local Church Ministries



God is still speaking.



Spring Congregational Meeting May 22, 2022

Council warmly invites you all to attend our Spring Meeting which will be held after our Sunday Morning service on May 22nd. Like our services, this will be a hybrid meeting with both Sanctuary and Zoom attendees. An agenda will be available by May 15th. One item will be our initial steps into living the findings of our Racial Justice Audit. Your attendance

and input at our three yearly Congregational Meetings allows us to determine how we live our faith and enact the policies to make this happen. We value the presence of each and every one of you on the 22nd.

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with us



Hybrid Worship Update: Seeking Volunteers

Following thoughtful conversation with our Zoom Moderator team, Council, and Worship Commission, beginning in June we will move pre-recorded content and remote worship leadership (such as scripture readers or liturgists) to the first two Sundays of the month. For the remaining 2-3 Sundays, our service will still be accessible by Zoom, and we are seeking Zoom Coordinators to open the Zoom meeting and monitor it. Please note that most people who use Zoom fluently can serve in this capacity, and our Zoom

Coordinator can volunteer either from the sound booth (in the sanctuary) or from the comfort of their home. This allows our Zoom Moderators (who are responsible for sound checks, pre-recorded content, and spotlighting Zoom worship leaders) can volunteer at a more sustainable pace while still maintaining our commitment to hybrid worship and the Zoom platform. If you would like to volunteer to serve as a Zoom Coordinator, please email Rev. Amanda who will share the schedule for sign-ups and connect you to a basic how-to.



Seeking Scripture Readers and Liturgists

We are in need of a scripture reader this Sunday as well as scripture readers and liturgists for the Sundays between now and Pentecost on June 5. [Click here](#) to sign up; you can lead by Zoom or in person. Or, if you have trouble using Google docs, just email me back with a date that works for you and I will get you signed up quickly. Your voice and participation enrich our worship experience as a community! Thank you for your consideration.



Wanted: Ushers!

Perks:

- Access, access, access—to the “brick-and-mortar” version of church
- Seeing fellow members and friends in person
- The fun of directing crowds (sizes may vary)
- Checklists—who doesn’t love a good checklist?!
- Some semblance of what was and what will be
- Not Zoom

If interested, please sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FAAA72AA1FF2-first1>



Sanctuary Committee Invites Gifts of Time & Treasure

Perhaps you have heard about migrants being bused from Texas to the DMV by Governor Abbott. There have been 18 buses so far carrying hundreds of people, including children and infants. **The DMV community has shown up to receive every single bus to support our new neighbors.** It is a grassroots effort by community orgs, mutual aid groups and individuals. *It is a huge undertaking and an expensive one.* Here's how you can help: **Donate:** [Paypal](#) (preferred)

or [venmo](#) @SanctuaryDMV with "Texas Solidarity" in the memo **Purchase:** Order supplies of the wishlist, it is updated daily: bit.ly/TXsolidaritysupplies **In-kind donations:** Drop off supplies at the [The Outrage on 14th St NW](#) during business hours with a note "for Texas solidarity". Adult clothing in all sizes for all genders: underwear, socks, t-shirts, pants, skirts, sweaters, hoodies, sweatpants, coats, shoes For children: Kids and infant clothing and shoes of all types, diapers all sizes, toys!!! Kids need comfort objects. These are essential. Please no glitter. **Volunteer:** bit.ly/dcmigrantsupport22 House people - biggest need Greet people as they arrive and help with intake, provide transportation, provide interpretation, sort donations You can follow @FreeThemAllIVA and/or @SanctuaryDMV on twitter or instagram to stay updated on needs. Please contact Jamey Moore at 202-491-7164 or jamesforevermoore@gmail with questions. As always thank you for your generous support.

Prayer List

Prayers of joy as we welcome Robin Skye, beloved child of God, born to Emily Laing & Allison Truhlar

Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Peg Lorenz, following her death.

Prayers of healing for Rose Berman following surgery.

Prayers of comfort for Priscilla Waters and her family following the death of her grand-niece Janiya.

Prayers of comfort for the family of LaTayna Purnell following the death of her father.

Prayers of support for Andre, the mother of Scott Prentice, as she battles leukemia.

Prayers of healing for Liz and Lance Warren.

Prayers of mercy for the people of Afghanistan and Afghan families resettling in the U.S.

Prayers for Monte Hillis and her husband Bert, as she faces the rapid onset of dementia.

Prayers of peace and liberation for Ukraine, Nicaragua, Cuba, and Haiti.

Byron Adams' niece, Valerie, undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

Prayers of hope for our Racial Justice Audit yearlong process.

All those who mourn the loss of a beloved one.

Families struggling to eat and make ends meet.

People's UCC, our sibling congregation.

Emmanuel Okorie-Dunn and Ellen Bushmiller, who serve as nurses.

Rev. Laura Johnson and Rev. Diana Gomez de Molina, who serve as chaplains.

We are an Open & Affirming congregation, welcoming all LGBTQ+ individuals and families into the full life and leadership of our church.



Welcome to First Congregational UCC. We were founded in 1865 by abolitionists as the first racially integrated church in Washington, D.C. In 1867 our mission committee played a prominent role in the founding of Howard University. The church has been located at its present site at 10th and G Streets NW since 1868. In more recent years, the church affirmed its vision as an Open and Affirming (ONA) Church (1987), a Just Peace Church (1985), and a Multiracial/Multicultural Church (2003). Our new building, constructed according to Gold LEED standards, was dedicated in 2012. First Church continues to follow its faith journey into the future, and to be a prophetic voice for the Spirit in the nation's capital. If you would like to know more about First Church or would like to make it your spiritual home and community, please contact churchoffice@FirstUCCDC.org or 202.628.4317.



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