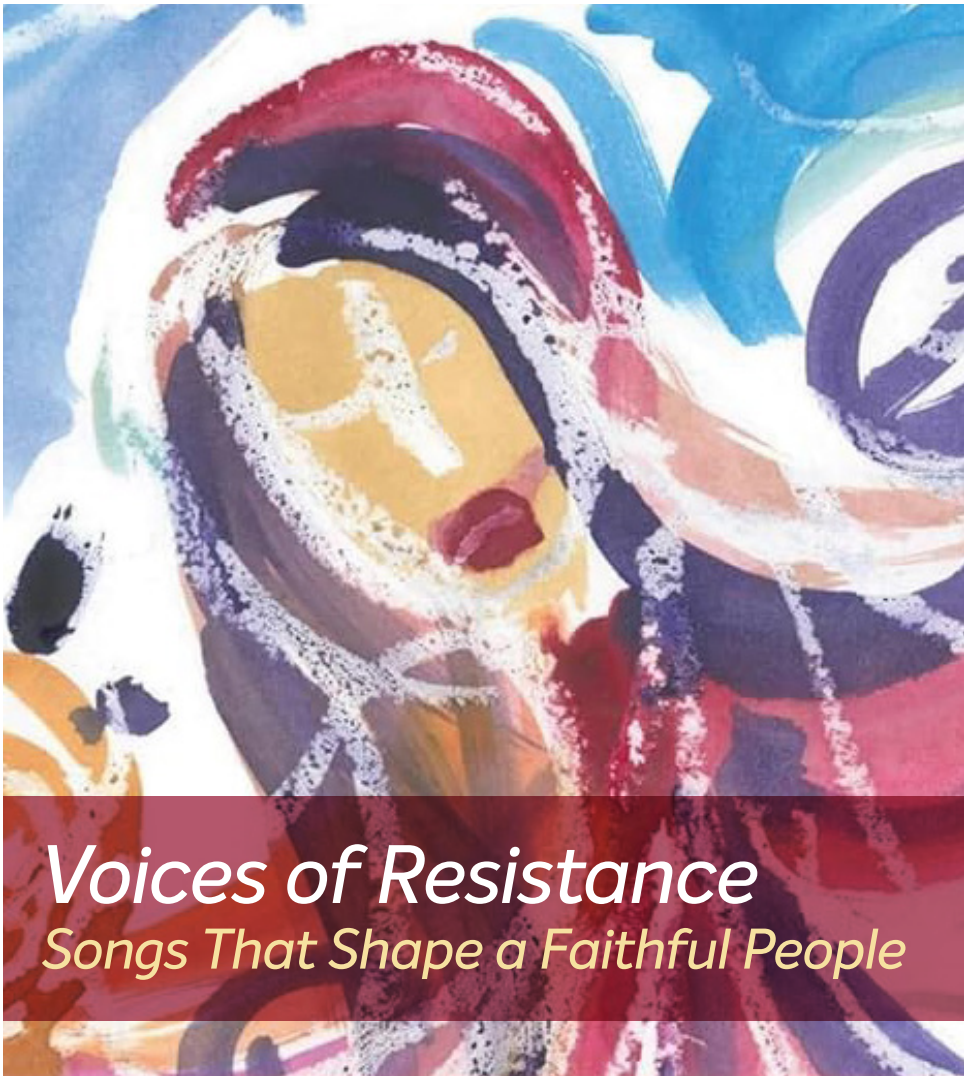

Voices of Resistance

Songs That Shape a Faithful People

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
CLASSIC WORSHIP | 8:45AM & 10:00AM

THE LORD HAS WON THE BATTLE

EXODUS 15:1-21
REV. DAVID NEUEN

We love a rousing victory song, the melody we play when our side clears the final hurdle and wins the game. Throughout Scripture, people of faith play a victory chorus for God who empowers them to overcome their hardships and their enemies. But, what do we do with a song that praises God's deliverance while celebrating the defeat of others? How do we give glory for God's faithfulness, pursue justice, and still hold sacred the life and dignity of every person?

WELCOME!
We are so glad you're here!

WORSHIP TIMES

CLASSIC WORSHIP Sundays at 8:45 & 10:00am in the Sanctuary.
NEWDAY PRAISE WORSHIP Sundays at 10:00am in the Worship Annex.
YOUTH WORSHIP Wednesdays at 7:00pm in room 200.
LIVE STREAM *at pumc.tv*

KIDS AND YOUTH

INFANT AND TODDLERS Care is provided in room 127 from 8:30-11:00am.
PRESCHOOLERS Room 207 at 10am.
K-GRADE 5 Room 203 at 10am.
GRADES 6-12 Small groups meet in room 200 at 10am.

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

Find adult small groups and classes at ***pumc.org/groups***

KIDS@PUMC WEEKDAY PROGRAMS

PRESCHOOL AGES 1-5 Email Charity Aton at ***caton@pumc.org***
KIDS CONNECTION GRADES K-5 Email McKenzie Smalley at ***msmalley@pumc.org***

ALL-CHURCH STUDY **Small groups begin this week!** This study on the book *Voices of Resistance*, leads us through an exploration of music in the Bible born from experiences of celebration, grief, longing, and protest. Register at ***pumc.org/registrations***

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS Students will explore Scripture and learn about the Methodist faith. We're also looking for adult mentors to walk alongside our confirmands throughout the year. Youth and adult mentors can sign up at ***pumc.org/registrations*** for the orientation on Sunday, September 20.

YOUTH DAY HIKE Join our youth for a day hike at Morgan-Monroe State Forest on Saturday, September 12 from around 8am-4pm. We're also looking for adult chaperones to join us. Youth and adult chaperones can sign up at ***pumc.org/registrations***

JOURNEYING THE WESLEYAN WAY is a small group experience for those interested in deepening their understanding of United Methodist belief and tradition. This class is the next step for those considering membership at PUMC. The group begins Sunday September 13 at 11:15am. Register online at ***pumc.org/registrations***

PLAINFIELD QUAKER DAY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES We will be handing out water to the tired and thirsty participants at the end of the annual Quaker Day parade on Saturday, September 19. We need your help with placing PUMC labels on water bottles and handing out the water that morning. Learn more at ***pumc.org/registrations***

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Help us stay connected! Keep your contact information up to date so you can receive important church updates, register for events, and receive text messages. Please take a moment to review and update your information online.

A TIME TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE
I, II, & IV from *Partita on Hyfrydol* — by Charles Callahan
Nick Fennig, organ

*** GREETING**

*** HYMN UMH 66**
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**
Liturgist: Sing and rejoice! The Lord reaches out to us with power and might!
People: The Lord is our strength and our salvation. In God we stand victorious.
Liturgist: Dance before the Lord, a dance of joy and triumph.
People: The great Overcomer has carried us through every hardship. We have great reason to celebrate!
Liturgist: Worship the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, whose faithfulness never falters or fails.
People: To the rafters and beyond, we send our praise to the God who goes before us, walks beside us, and never leaves us.

HYMN UMH 134
O Mary, Don't You Weep

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE — Exodus 15:1–21

SONGS OF VICTORY
We are the Champions — by Freddie Mercury
Brent Miller, piano

MESSAGE
The Lord Has Won the Battle — Rev. David Neuen

HYMN UMH 617
I Come with Joy — vv 1–4

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

GIVING — *Because God gives, we give.*
Thank you for your generosity.

*** HYMN UMH 514**
Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

*** DISMISSAL & BLESSING**

*** POSTLUDE**
V. Finale from *Partita on Hyfrydol* — by Charles Callahan
Nick Fennig, organ

(*) asterisk indicates time for persons, who are able, to stand.

DIVE DEEPER

EXODUS 15:1-21

Sunday, September 6

Open It: What is a song you immediately associate with a victory or significant accomplishment in your life?

Explore It: What does Miriam choose to celebrate in this song? What names and descriptions for God do you hear? What do they tell us about how Israel understood God?

Get It: What "victory songs" do we sing about God today? What dangers do we face when we celebrate our enemies' defeat and destruction? How do we celebrate God's victory without celebrating another person's suffering?

Apply It: Think of one person or group whose defeat you are tempted to celebrate. With that person in mind, create a prayer that honors healing, justice, and the sacred worth of every human life.

WHAT'S NEXT

HOW LONG, O LORD?

PSALM 13

Sunday, September 13

Big Idea: We bring our grief and anger before God and keep singing, even in the midst of unanswered questions.

Focus Question: What song do we sing in the midst of sacred silence?

CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER 6-12

SUNDAY

Classic Worship	8:45 a • S
Classic Worship	10:00 a • S
NewDay Praise Worship	10:00 a • A
Revelation Class	10:00 a • L
Ordinary People Class	10:00 a • W
Rewired Class	10:00 a • K
Genesis Class	10:00 a • 101
Youth Small Group	10:15 a • 200
F.U.N. Class	11:15 a • K

MONDAY

PUMC Closed	
Homeless Meal Prep	1:00 p • Ki
Homeless Meal Delivery	5:00 p • O

TUESDAY

Tuesday Prayer Group	10:00 a • W
Rachel Circle	2:30 p • A
Endowment Committee	6:15 p • W
Hope Circle	6:30 p • K
Cub Scouts Den Meetings	7:00 p • MR
Finance Committee	7:00 p • W

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday Bible Study	10:00 a • L
Youth Worship	7:00 p • Y
Church Council Meeting	7:00 p • K

THURSDAY

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p • M
Praise Team Rehearsal	7:30 p • A

SATURDAY

Second Saturday Lunch	11:00 a • Ki
Katsue's Birthday Party	1:00 p • A

Calendar Legend: A=Worship Annex, B=Bell Room, K=Koinonia Room, Ki=Kitchen, L=Library, M=Music Room, ML=Main Lobby, MR=Multiple Rooms, S=Sanctuary, V=Various Rooms, W=Wesley Room, Y=Youth Room

PRAISE & PRAYER

Please pray for our Community Partners
- Bulldog Home Comfort
- Andrea Hilton, Director, Just Be Kind

VITALS - BASIC BUDGET

8/30/2026	$1,944
Year-to-date	$697,407
Previous year-to-date	$711,415

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