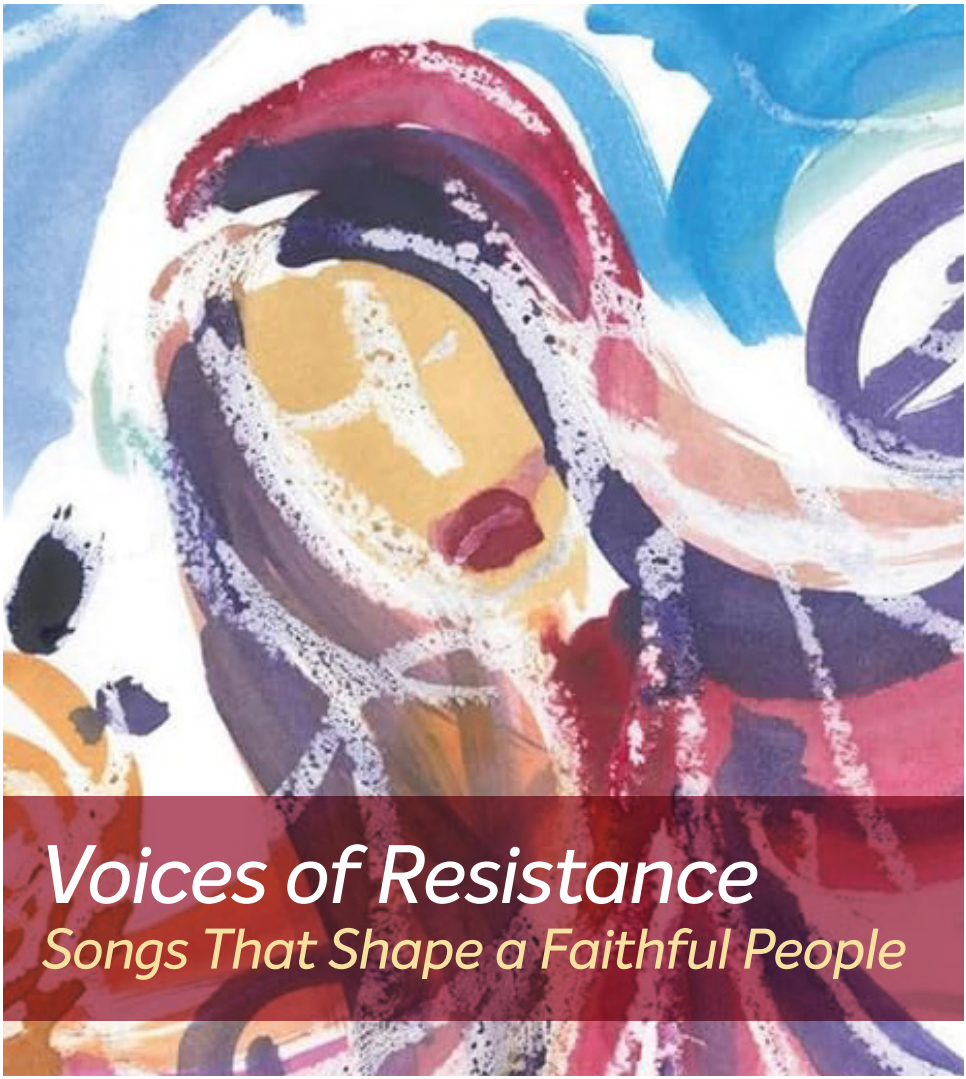

Voices of Resistance

Songs That Shape a Faithful People

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
NEWDAY PRAISE WORSHIP | 10:00AM

NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE

LAMENTATIONS 2:1-12, 18-22
REV. ABBY LIETZ

Statistics reveal a fascinating behavioral trend regarding how we process music: Happy songs are played on an individual's playlist an average of 175 times. Sad songs? A staggering 800 times. Why this trend toward the melancholy? Sad songs actually prompt memories of longing for the eternal, for love, beauty, wonder and transcendence. C.S. Lewis called this state of mind "the inconsolable longing for we know not what." This week, as we examine the sad songs of the Bible in Lamentations, we'll explore how tapping into this emo genre might help us connect with God's healing, comfort and life in the bittersweet of our lives.

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***

JOURNEYING THE WESLEYAN WAY **Class begins today!** This study 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 today 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***

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.

ANNUAL HOG ROAST on Sunday, October 18 at 11:30am. The PUMC Men's Group will provide the roasted hog, chips, sides, and desserts. Weather permitting, we will set up tables on the road behind the church. Just bring your appetite. Everyone is welcome!

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.

Oh, no! In anger, my Lord put Daughter Zion under a cloud; he threw Israel's glory from heaven down to earth. On that day of wrath, he didn't consider his own footstool Showing no compassion, my Lord devoured each of Jacob's meadows; in his wrath he tore down the walled cities of Daughter Judah. The kingdom and its officials, he forced to the ground, shamed. In his burning rage, he cut off each of Israel's horns; right in front of the enemy, he withdrew his strong hand; he burned against Jacob like a flaming fire that ate up everything nearby. He bent his bow as an enemy would; his strong hand was poised like an adversary. He killed every precious thing in sight; he poured out his wrath like fire on Daughter Zion's tent. My Lord has become like an enemy. He devoured Israel; he devoured all her palaces; he made ruins of her city walls. In Daughter Judah he multiplied mourning along with more mourning! He wrecked his own booth like a garden; he destroyed his place for festivals. The Lord made Zion forget both festival and sabbath; in his fierce rage, he scorned both monarch and priest. My Lord rejected his altar, he abandoned his sanctuary; he handed Zion's palace walls over to enemies. They shouted in the Lord's own house as if it were a festival day. The Lord planned to destroy Daughter Zion's wall. He stretched out a measuring line, didn't stop himself from devouring. He made barricades and walls wither—together they wasted away. Zion's gates sank into the ground; he broke and shattered her bars; her king and her officials are now among the nations. There is no Instruction! Even her prophets couldn't find a vision from the Lord. Daughter Zion's elders sit on the ground and mourn. They throw dust on their heads; they put on mourning clothes. Jerusalem's young women bow their heads all the way to the ground. My eyes are worn out from weeping; my stomach is churning. My insides are poured on the ground because the daughter of my people is shattered, because children and babies are fainting in the city streets. They say to their mothers, "Where are grain and wine?" while fainting like the wounded in the city streets, while their lives are draining away at their own mothers' breasts.

Cry aloud to the Lord! O wall of daughter Zion! Let tears stream down like a torrent day and night! Give yourself no rest, your eyes no respite! Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches! Pour out your heart like water before the presence of the Lord! Lift your hands to him for the lives of your children, who faint for hunger at the head of every street. Look, O Lord, and consider! To whom have you done this? Should women eat their offspring, the children they have borne? Should priest and prophet be killed in the sanctuary of the Lord? The young and the old are lying on the ground in the streets; my young women and my young men have fallen by the sword; in the day of your anger you have killed them, slaughtering without mercy. You invited my enemies from all around as if for a day of festival; and on the day of the anger of the Lord, no one escaped or survived; those whom I bore and reared, my enemy has destroyed.

—Lamentations 2:1-12, 18-22

JOIN A GROUP

Small Groups are a place to build meaningful relationships, grow in your faith, and encourage one another through every season of life. Whether you're new to church or have been attending for years, there's a group where you can connect, ask questions, study Scripture, pray together, and support one another.

We offer groups for a variety of ages, life stages, and interests that meet throughout the week both at PUMC and in homes. No matter where you are on your faith journey, we'd love to help you find a group where you can belong and grow.

PUMC.ORG/GROUPS

CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER 13–19

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
Journeying the Wesleyan Way	11:15 a • W

MONDAY

Homeless Meal Prep	1:00 p • Ki
Homeless Meal Delivery	5:00 p • O
Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal	6:30 p • B
Threshold Singers Rehearsal	7:15 p • M

TUESDAY

Tuesday Prayer Group	10:00 a • W
Children's Council	5:30 p • K
Cub Scouts Committee	7:00 p • A
Missions Committee	7:00 p • W
Trustees Meeting	7:00 p • K

WEDNESDAY

All-Church Study: David Neuen	6:00 p • W
Youth Worship	7:00 p • Y

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

Friday Morning Bible Study	9:45 a • K

SATURDAY

Men's Group	8:30 a • A
Quaker Day Parade	10:00 a • O

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

VITALS - BASIC BUDGET

9/6/2026	$12,965
Year-to-date	$726,979
Previous year-to-date	$746,990

PRAISE & PRAYER

Please pray for our Community Partners
- Doug Burris, Director of the Hendricks County Communications Center
- Bru Burger

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