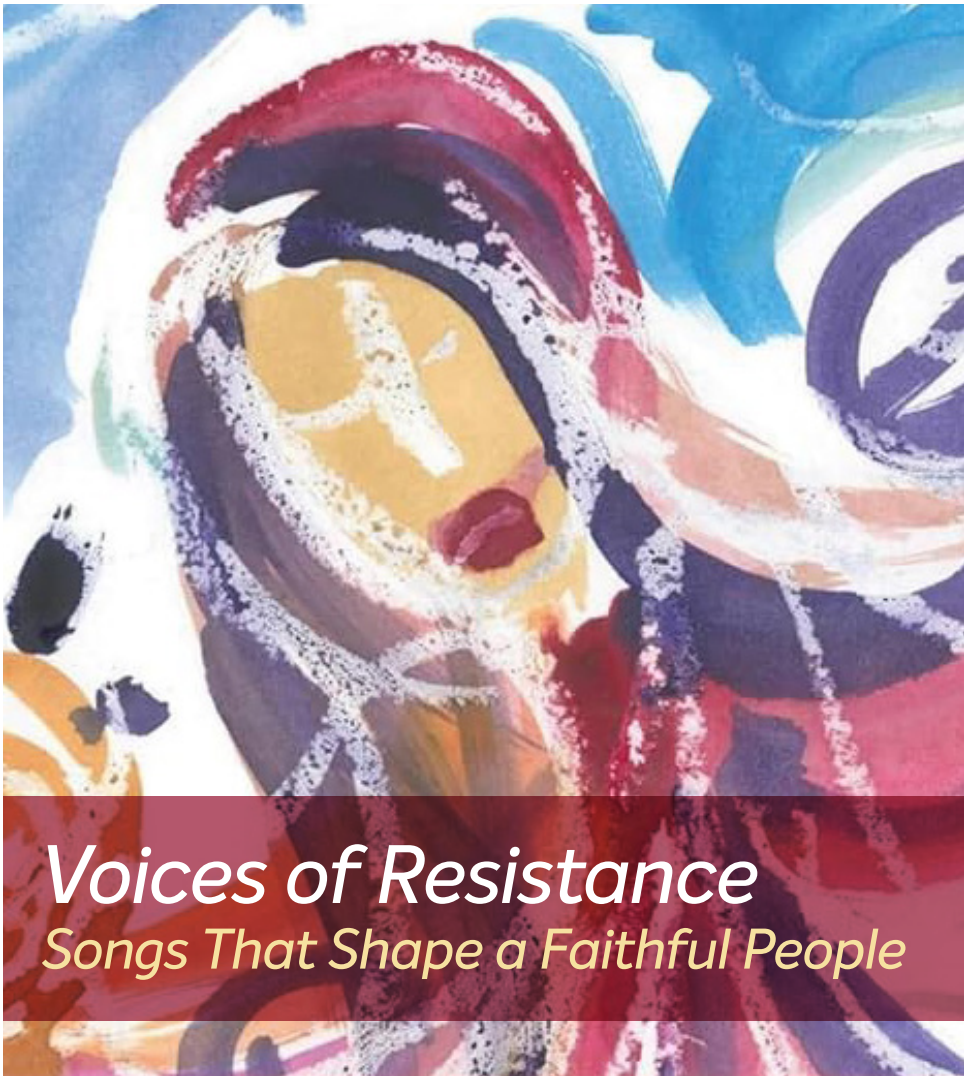

Voices of Resistance

Songs That Shape a Faithful People

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
CLASSIC WORSHIP | 8:45AM & 10:00AM

COME MY BELOVED

SONG OF SONGS 2:3–13
REV. DAVID NEUEN

"I love my body!" Words rarely spoken. We often critique our physique as deficient, undesirable, or unhealthy. We treat our bodies as problems to be fixed or obstacles stealing our focus from more important spiritual matters. We may even conclude that our God wants nothing more than to get us to heaven and out of these gross body suits.

And yet God created us body and spirit and called us very good. God instilled beauty, vitality, wonder, and pleasure into our bodies. And today we join songs of scripture that sing to the connection and intimacy we experience through our bodies. We learn to sing a new song of gratitude and delight for our bodies as God's gift.

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***

JOB OPPORTUNITY We have an opening at PUMC. The Building & Facilities Manager is responsible for the safe, efficient, and effective operation of all church facilities, grounds, and physical assets. Learn more and apply at ***pumc.org/jobs***

CROP WALK CROP has always been about raising money and awareness to alleviate hunger around the world and in our local communities. This year, St. Susanna Catholic Church will host our event on Sunday, Oct. 4. Find more info at ***pumc.org/registrations***

FINANCIAL SUMMIT October 6 at 6:00pm in the Worship Annex we will review the financial health of our congregation, explore our narrative budget, and look toward the ministry opportunities your generosity will make possible in the coming year.

SERVE FAIR Our commitment to Christ invites us to reflect on our offering of time, gifts, passions, and service for God's work. At the Serve Fair on Sunday, October 18, discover the ministries of Plainfield UMC and find ways to make an impact for Christ in our congregation and community.

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!

DAY OF PRAYER Rest in God's presence, renew your spirit, and commit to a daily prayer practice on Saturday, October 24. Come anytime between 10am-1pm to explore a variety of prayer experiences for all ages at your own pace. Register at ***pumc.org/registrations*** so we can have a head count for materials.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY Sunday, October 25, will be a special day in the life of our congregation as we celebrate Consecration Sunday! On this day, we will commit ourselves to generosity for the coming year, offering thanks for God's blessings and responding with joyful giving that reflects the abundance of God's provision.

A TIME TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE
My Faith Looks Up to Thee (with Pavane by Ravel) — arr. by Linda McKechnie
Brent Miller, piano
Nick Fennig, organ

* **GREETING**

* **HYMN UMH 92**
For the Beauty of the Earth — vv 1, 3, 4 & 6

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**
Liturgist: Come, beloved people of God; open your hearts to the beauty and delight of God's creation.
People: We come with hearts ready to receive the gifts of vibrant color, movement, and wonder.
Liturgist: The Lord our God, whose love pours out like rushing waters, calls us to delight in life.
People: We celebrate the blessedness of bodies, relationships, and intimacy.
Liturgist: Come, beloved; let us awaken our senses to the signs of God's grace.
People: We come to worship the Lord who stirs our song of thanskgiving and joy.

* **HYMN UMH 63**
Blessed Be the Name — sing twice

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM
O Jesus, I Have Promised — arr. Brenda Austin
Sanctuary Bells

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE — Song of Songs 2:3–13

SPECIAL MUSIC
At Last — Etta James

MESSAGE
Come My Beloved — Rev. David Neuen

HYMN UMH 642
As Man and Woman We Were Made — vv 1–3

A TIME FOR PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVE MOMENT — Belonging & Congregational Care

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

* **HYMN UMH 147**
All Things Bright and Beautiful

* **DISMISSAL & BLESSING**

* **POSTLUDE**
When Morning Gilds the Skies — setting by Dale Wood
Nick Fennig, organ

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

DIVE DEEPER

SONG OF SONGS 2:3-13

Sunday, September 27

Open It: What is something in your life that brings you genuine delight?

Explore It: What images or phrases in this passage catch your attention? What surprises you about the way desire and love are portrayed in Song of Songs? Why do you think the Bible includes a book devoted so openly to love, attraction, and delight? What might this passage teach us about the goodness of our bodies and our capacity for pleasure and joy?

Get It: What does this song dare to say that we don't often hear in church? What assumptions about love, desire, the body, or pleasure does this song challenge?

Apply It: Where have you learned to resist delight? How might you listen both to scripture and your body in discovering delight as a gift from God?

WHAT'S NEXT

WE STAND TOGETHER

PHILIPPIANS 2:1–13

Sunday, October 4

Big Idea: We choose to sing the song of Christ when we choose unity over rivalry and solidarity over self-interest.

VITALS - BASIC BUDGET

9/13/2026	$8,285
Year-to-date	$750,974
Previous year-to-date	$771,226

PRAISE & PRAYER

Please pray for our Community Partners
- Carpenter Realtors
- Lori Lee, President, Plainfield Kiwanis

CALENDAR: SEPT 27–OCT 3

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
Youth Band Practice	11:10 a • Y
F.U.N. Class	11:15 a • K
Journeying the Wesleyan Way	11:15 a • W
D&D Group	2:30 p • K
Girl Scouts	2:30 p • W

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group	10:00 a • W
Cub Scouts Pack Meeting	7:00 p • A
Staff Parish Relations	7:00 p • W

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
Hospitality Meeting	7:00 p • W
Praise Team Rehearsal	7:30 p • A

FRIDAY

Friday Morning Bible Study	9:45 a • K

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

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