Voices of Resistance
Songs That Shape a Faithful People

OCTOBER 11, 2026
CLASSIC WORSHIP | 8:45AM & 10:00AM

EVERY NATION, EVERY PEOPLE

REVELATION 7:9-12
REV. KEN LOUDENBACK

This final week of the sermon series Voices of Resistance, based always on scripture and also the book by Amanda Miller, invites us to hear the songs of Revelation — not as frightening predictions of doom, but as songs of hope sung by a people who trust God's future more than the world's chaos. Revelation 7 gives us one of the most beautiful pictures in all of Scripture: a vast multitude, beyond counting, gathered before God — every nation, every tribe, every people, every language — singing together.

This is the eternal Kingdom: not uniformity, but unity; not fear, but worship; not despair, but hope. In a world fractured by division, Revelation offers a vision of God gathering humanity into one chorus.

In Scripture, God's people sing when the world says they should be silent.

- Israel sang in exile.
- Paul and Silas sang in prison.
- The early church sang under persecution.

Revelation's song is the same: a refusal to let fear have the final word. *The Song We Sing Today Shapes the World We Build Tomorrow.*

Plainfield UMC is part of that chorus. When we serve, welcome, forgive, and love, we join the eternal song. When we resist despair, cynicism, and division, we echo heaven's harmony. Our mission is not to escape the world but to sing God's future into the present.

Let us continue to do so being God's church in our community.

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 Working closely with the staff, the Office Assistant provides administrative support to the church's ministry while ensuring a smooth, organized, and inviting office environment. Learn more and apply at ***pumc.org/jobs***

CARE PACKAGES Stop in the Main Lobby to learn how you can help with donations of items and card writing for our care packages for young adults. Also, join us on Sunday, November 1 at 11:15am in the Worship Annex to assemble the packages and write cards.

SERVE FAIR We are invited to reflect on our offering of time, gifts, passions, and service for God's work. At the Serve Fair on Sunday, October 18 in the Main Lobby, discover the ministries of Plainfield UMC and find ways to make an impact for Christ.

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 anytime between 10am-1pm. Explore a variety of prayer experiences for all ages. Learn more at ***pumc.org/registrations***

CONSECRATION 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.

YOUTH HALLOWEEN PARTY Get ready for a fun night on October 25 at 7pm! We'll have games, food, plenty of candy, and a chance to hang out together. Costumes are encouraged, so come dressed up and bring a friend. Register at ***pumc.org/registrations***

TRUNK OR TREAT Enjoy a fun evening filled with candy, costumes, and community on Thursday, October 29 from 5-7pm. Candy donations can be made in the Main Office and at the Kids Desk inside door 1. Register online to attend, host a trunk, and support the event through a number of serving opportunities at ***pumc.org/registrations***

A TIME TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE
Amazing Grace & Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus — settings by Dale Wood
Nick Fennig, organ

* **GREETING**

* **HYMN UMH 674**
See the Morning Sun Ascending

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**
Liturgist: Praise to the Lamb who is seated on the Throne of Heaven!
People: Praise be to God who offers God's love to us!
Liturgist: Let us sing continually of God's wisdom, and power, and might.
People: Let our voices be raised in joyful celebration!
Liturgist: Worthy is the Lamb to receive honor, and glory, and majesty.
People: Let our hearts rejoice at God's redeeming love for us.

* **HYMN UMH 722**
I Want to Be Ready

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE — 10am only

WELCOME

DISCIPLESHIP MOMENT — Day of Prayer
8:45 Brandy Bolen, 10:00 Kathy Perry

ANTHEM
The Mighty Power of God — by Mark Hayes
Sanctuary Choir
Nick Fennig, piano

SCRIPTURE — Revelation 7:9–12

SPECIAL MUSIC
Here Comes the Sun — by The Beatles
Brent Miller, piano

MESSAGE
Every Nation, Every People — Rev. Ken Loudenback

HYMN UMH 701
When We All Get to Heaven — vv 1–3

A TIME FOR PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING TESTIMONY

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

* **CLOSING HYMN UMH 383**
This Is a Day of New Beginnings — vv 1–4

* **DISMISSAL & BLESSING**

* **POSTLUDE**
In Christ There Is No East or West — setting by Richard Proulx
Nick Fennig, organ

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

DIVE DEEPER

REVELATION 7:9-17

Sunday, October 11

Open It: What is the most diverse group with which you have participated? Describe the experience.

Explore It: What do you notice about the people gathered around the throne? What do you hear in the words describing God?

Get It: What does John's vision reveal to you about God's kingdom community? How does this vision inform our worship and community building in this life?

Apply It: What is one way we can extend this vision of the diverse worshipping human family into today's world?

WHAT'S NEXT

LABOR OF LOVE

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

Sunday, October 18

Big Idea: God's love works in us to create loving work through us.

VITALS - BASIC BUDGET

10/4/2026	$11,170
Year-to-date	$779,859
Previous year-to-date	$806,960

PRAISE & PRAYER

Please pray for our Community Partners

- Cassie Mecklenberg, Executive Director of Sheltering Wings
- Citizens Bank of Indiana

CALENDAR: OCTOBER 11-17

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
D&D Group	2:30 p • K

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 Morning Prayer Group	10:00 a • W
Rachel Circle	2:30 p • A
Endowment Committee	6:15 p • W
Hope Circle	6:30 p • K
Finance Committee	7:00 p • W

WEDNESDAY

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
Visitation for Hugh Rohrer	10:00 a • ML
Service for Hugh Rohrer	11:00 a • S

SATURDAY

Men's Breakfast	8:30 a • 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, O=Off-site, S=Sanctuary, W=Wesley Room, Y=Youth Room

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