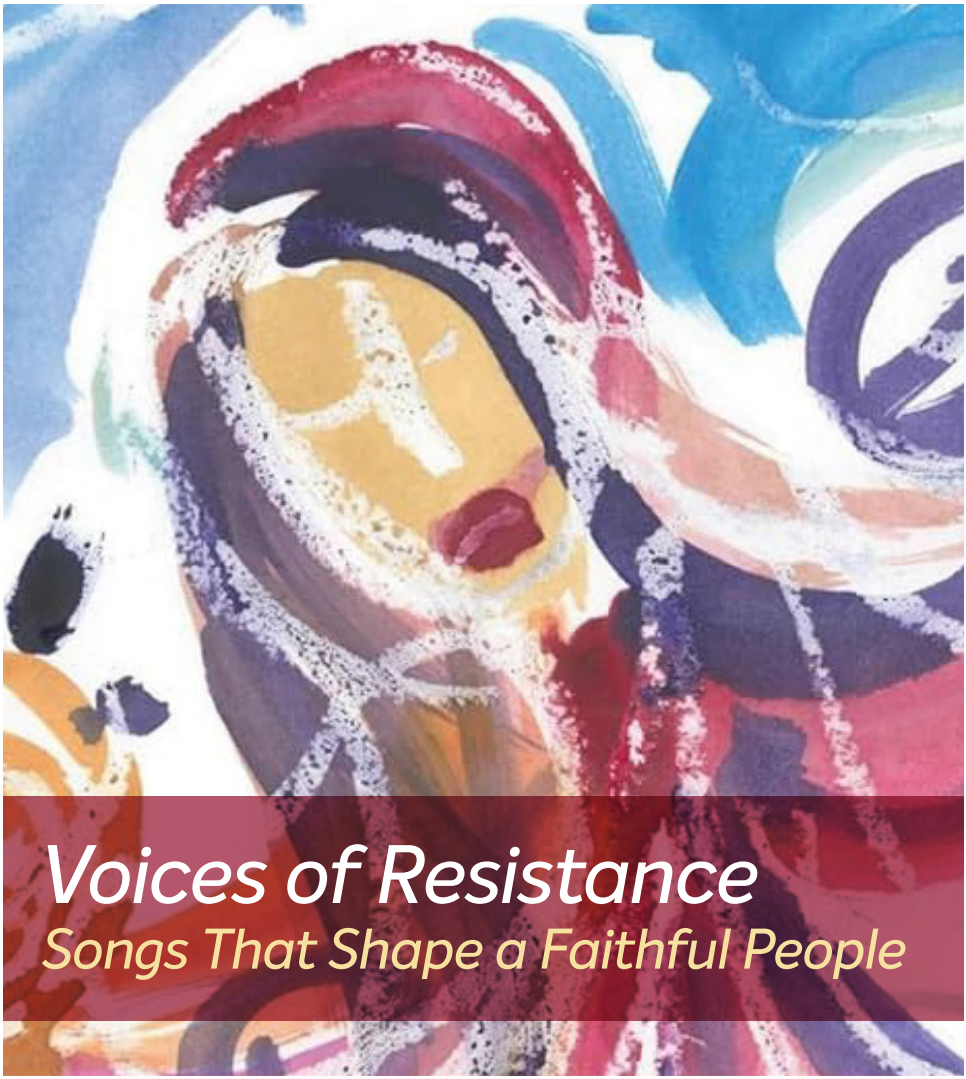

Voices of Resistance

Songs That Shape a Faithful People

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
NEWDAY PRAISE WORSHIP | 10:00AM

VICTORY IN JESUS

JUDGES 5
REV. ABBY LIETZ

Music-making among people groups is as ancient a practice as any among humanity, if not the most ancient. Consider the songs that have most impacted you -- the songs that take you back to certain beloved family members or friends, special places, pivotal moments and unforgettable experiences. Consider songs that have shaped your faith -- and how they have been shaping lives for generations and will shape generations long after our time on earth. In our series, Voices of Resistance: Songs that Shape a Faithful People, we will explore genres of song found in scripture and how each shaped and is shaping God's people, both ancient and modern. This week we consider songs of victory in war and how we can sing of victory in Jesus as we seek the flourishing of all people.

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.

"When the princes in Israel take the lead, when the people willingly offer themselves—praise the Lord!

"Hear this, you kings! Listen, you rulers! I, even I, will sing to the Lord; I will praise the Lord, the God of Israel, in song.

"When you, Lord, went out from Seir, when you marched from the land of Edom, the earth shook, the heavens poured, the clouds poured down water. The mountains quaked before the Lord, the One of Sinai, before the Lord, the God of Israel.

"In the days of Shamgar son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were abandoned; travelers took to winding paths. Villagers in Israel would not fight; they held back until I, Deborah, arose, until I arose, a mother in Israel. God chose new leaders when war came to the city gates, but not a shield or spear was seen among forty thousand in Israel. My heart is with Israel's princes, with the willing volunteers among the people. Praise the Lord!

"You who ride on white donkeys, sitting on your saddle blankets, and you who walk along the road, consider the voice of the singers at the watering places. They recite the victories of the Lord, the victories of his villagers in Israel.

"Then the people of the Lord went down to the city gates. 'Wake up, wake up, Deborah! Wake up, wake up, break out in song! Arise, Barak! Take captive your captives, son of Abinoam.'

"The remnant of the nobles came down; the people of the Lord came down to me against the mighty. Some came from Ephraim, whose roots were in Amalek; Benjamin was with the people who followed you. From Makir captains came down, from Zebulun those who bear a commander's staff. The princes of Issachar were with Deborah; yes, Issachar was with Barak, sent under his command into the valley. In the districts of Reuben there was much searching of heart. Why did you stay among the sheep pens to hear the whistling for the flocks? In the districts of Reuben there was much searching of heart. Gilead stayed beyond the Jordan. And Dan, why did he linger by the ships? Asher remained on the coast and stayed in his coves. The people of Zebulun risked their very lives; so did Naphtali on the terraced fields.

"Kings came, they fought, the kings of Canaan fought. At Taanach, by the waters of Megiddo, they took no plunder of silver. From the heavens the stars fought, from their courses they fought against Sisera. The river Kishon swept them away, the age-old river, the river Kishon, March on, my soul; be strong! Then thundered the horses' hooves—galloping, galloping go his mighty steeds.'Curse Meroz,' said the angel of the Lord. 'Curse its people bitterly, because they did not come to help the Lord, to help the Lord against the mighty.'

"Most blessed of women be Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, most blessed of tent-dwelling women. He asked for water, and she gave him milk; in a bowl fit for nobles she brought him curdled milk. Her hand reached for the tent peg, her right hand for the workman's hammer. She struck Sisera, she crushed his head, she shattered and pierced his temple. At her feet he sank, he fell; there he lay. At her feet he sank, he fell; where he sank, there he fell—dead.

"Through the window peered Sisera's mother; behind the lattice she cried out, 'Why is his chariot so long in coming? Why is the clatter of his chariots delayed?' The wisest of her ladies answer her; indeed, she keeps saying to herself, 'Are they not finding and dividing the spoils: a woman or two for each man, colorful garments as plunder for Sisera, colorful garments embroidered, highly embroidered garments for my neck—all this as plunder?'

"So may all your enemies perish, Lord! But may all who love you be like the sun when it rises in its strength."

Then the land had peace forty years.

—Judges 5

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.

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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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