

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 5, 2026

6th Sunday After Pentecost/Proper 9

10:00 am

(* You're invited to stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken arr. Kevin Costley

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Susan Tarr

***WELCOME SONG**

I've Got the Joy

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from More Light Presbyterians)

Shani McIlwain

One: In the beginning, God breathed life into our lungs:

All: Not for silence, but for courage. Not for passivity, but for radical witness.

One: God's Spirit dwells within us, in our bodies, in our voices, in every choice we make.

All: We are not powerless. We are called. We are sent.

One: So come, bringing your whole selves: your grief and your fire, your questions and your vision.

All: For Christ has already come among us, and still calls us forward. Love does not wait.

One: So we will move, we will follow, we will become.

All: Let us worship the God who calls us into life, into action, into love.

***OPENING HYMN #35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

sung in Bahasa

Pujilah Tuhan, Sang Raja yang Mahamulia! Segenap hati dan jiwaku, pujilah Dia!

Datang berkaum, b'rilah musikmu bergaung, angkatlah puji-pujian!

Pujilah Tuhan; segala kuasa padaNya! Sayap kasihNya yang aman mendukung anakNya!

Tiada terp'ri yang kepadamu dib'ri; tidakkah itu kaurasa?

Pujilah Tuhan yang bijak mengubah tubuhmu; dalam kasihNya seluruh hidupmu tertuntun; hatimua tahu: berulang kali engkau oleh sayapNya terlindung.

Pujilah Tuhan yang dapat dan mau melakukan jauh melebihi doamu dan yang kaurindukan.

Ingat teguh: Ia berkuasa penuh! KasihNya t'rus kautemukan.

Pujilah Tuhan! Hai jiwaku, mari bernyanyi! Semua makhluk bernafas, iringilah kami!

Puji terus Nama Yang Mahakudus! Padukan suaramu: Amin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Shani McIlwain

God of welcome, from generation to generation, you have heard your children humbly seeking forgiveness. Forgive us when frustration and overwhelm keep us from following you. Forgive us when we fail to seek forgiveness from our coworkers, neighbors, and enemies. Hear the concerns of our hearts, examine our motives, and forgive our faults. Help us to welcome all persons as you have welcomed us, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who died and rose again that we might learn your love...*silent prayer.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Shani McIlwain

***RESPONSE #582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Shani McIlwain

One: May the love and peace of Christ be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE IN BAHASA

Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH

Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

Shani McIlwain

SERMON

“Come and Rest”

Shani McIlwain

***HYMN**

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

sung in English then Bahasa

All the way my Savior leads me. What have I to ask beside? Can I doubt his tender mercy, Who thru' life has been my Guide? Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, Here by faith in him to dwell! For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus fashions all things well.

Di jalanku 'ku diiring oleh Yesus Tuhanku. Apakah yang kurang lagi, jika Dia Panduku? Diberi damai sorgawi, asal imanku teguh. Suka-duka dipakainya untuk kebbaikanku; suka-duka dipakainya untuk kebbaikanku.

Di jalanku yang berliku dihiburnya hatiku; bila tiba pencobaan, dikuatkan imanku. Jika aku kehausan dan langkahku tak tetap, dari cadas di depanku datang air yang sedap; dari cadas di depanku datang air yang sedap.

Di jalanku nyata sangat kasih Tuhan yang mesra. Dijanjikan perhentian di rumahNya yang baka. Jika jiwaku membubung meninggalkan dunia, kunyanyikan tak hentinya kasih dan pimpinannya; kunyanyikan tak hentinya kasih dan pimpinannya.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*) [adapted from the Iona Community]
We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all people everywhere. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of compassion, he died forsaken; he descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb; he ascended into heaven to be everywhere present; and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Shani McIlwain
Prayer requests are listed in the bulletin. You're invited to share prayer requests aloud.

EUCCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Shani McIlwain

***DOXOLOGY #607** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Shani McIlwain

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #35** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

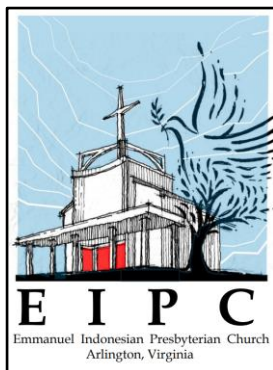
***BENEDICTION** Shani McIlwain

POSTLUDE *The Solid Rock* arr. Michael Ware

Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us. Special thanks to Shani McIlwain for leading worship and preaching. The Usher is Hille Blackshaw. The liturgist is from EIPC. Coffee Hour is hosted by Gloria Hurdle. The worship service is recorded and available on YouTube and the church's website.

Large print hymn books, individual seat cushions, and children's activity packets are available from the usher at the entrance. Children of all ages are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for all parts of the worship service. There is also childcare available in the room off the front of the sanctuary.

Bathrooms are located outside of the sanctuary to the right, through the narthex, and up the small set of stairs in the foyer. A diaper changing station is in the "Teen Lounge," which is past the bathrooms, through the double doors, on the left past the library. An ADA-accessible bathroom is located in the fellowship hall. To access the fellowship hall, drive around to the parking lot and enter through the double doors.



Rev. Caitlin Culp, **Pastor**
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COVENANT'S PRAYER LIST

Almighty God, we pray for our world and our church.

Prayers of thanksgiving for **our sister church relationship.**

For **all those on EIPC's prayer list.**

Rev. Jean

Darla

JD

Prayers for **peace in the Middle East; for cessation of hostilities between Israel, Iran, & USA.**

Lola

Othow and his ministry in South Sudan.

**If you have prayer requests you'd like added to this list, email covenantpastorpcusa@gmail.com.
Prayers remain on this list for two weeks unless we hear otherwise.*

COVENANT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Weekly Devotional Gathering - Thursdays, 12pm, Zoom**
- **Summer Book Study @ 10am via Zoom** - Tuesdays on July 21st, July 28th, August 11th, August 18th at 10am via Zoom (chat w/Kent if you have questions)
- **4th Sunday Walking Group, 8am @ Potomac Overlook Regional Park, meet by the playground**
- **Summer worship at 10am** through Rally Day, Sunday, September 13th.
- To receive church emails, email covenantpastorpcusa@gmail.com
- **Rev. Culp is on family vacation from June 28th-July 6th.** Call 937-570-8218 with emergency pastoral care needs.
- **Kent is on vacation from July 2nd-July 7th**

