

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 6, 2026

15th Sunday After Pentecost/Proper 18

10:00 am

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Softly and Tenderly arr. David Nevue

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Caitlin Culp

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our God is an awesome God who breathed into emptiness and created all that is.

All: With love and care, God shaped the world in all its diversity with mountains and valleys, rivers and deserts, and people of all colors and sizes.

One: O God, creator of our past, our present, and our future, we thank you for the many blessings you bestow on us.

All: Be with us now. Draw near to us as we draw near to you.

*OPENING HYMN #399

God Welcomes All, sung 2x

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Responsive*)

adapted from the United Church of Christ

We are workers, God, just like you. But we confess that our work is not always done in a manner that affirms and honors each other. Our work is not always done in a spirit that is pleasing to you. We confess that we buy goods made by people who are paid too little or work in unsafe conditions. We admit that we have failed to end an unjust system in which some workers have jobs that provide good wages and benefits while others may have no job, or one that pays little and provides few benefits. Creator God, help us to be your people, working for a world where all workers are valued. A world where those who clean houses are also able to buy houses to live in. A world where those who grow food can also afford to eat their fill. And one where those who serve us—in stores, schools, hotels, restaurants, nursing homes, and many other places—are also served by us. It will be a world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us. *Silent prayer...*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

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

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth/This Is My Father's World arr. Michael Ware

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE IN BAHASA

Psalm 119:33-40

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kent Hamaker

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Romans 13:8-14

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SERMON

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***HYMN #751**

From the Nets of Our Labor

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*)

[The Apostles' Creed]

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

EUCCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #606**

Pujilah Khalik semesta. Sumber segala kurnia. Sorga dan bumi puji T'rus.

Sang Bapa, Putra, Roh Kudus. Amin.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Caitlin Culp

The Lord's Table is open to all. The elements are bread & juice.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER (Responsive)

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right...in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us, saying,

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #80**

You Shall Go Out with Joy

***BENEDICTION**

Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us. Today's Usher is Barbara Washburn. The liturgist is X. Coffee Hour is hosted by Covenant's Congregation Care & Membership Team in celebration of those with August and September birthdays 🎂. 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 invited to stay in the sanctuary for all parts of the worship service. An area dedicated for children in worship is next to the beanbag chairs on the piano-side 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 Library, which is past the bathrooms, through the double doors, and on the left. 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.



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PRAYER LIST

Ursula's family, especially her husband John who's recovering from surgery and Ursula as she cares for him

Annette

Hille

Isaac

Caroline

Folks on EIPC's prayer list

EIPC as they continue their search for a pastor

Rev. Jean

Debbie

Darla Lola Our country's leaders. Those impacted by health crises.

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

Othow and his ministry in South Sudan, especially for his radio station

**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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Session Meeting - Tuesday, September 8th @ 7:30pm via Zoom

Rally Day at Covenant - Sunday, September 13th @ 10am, Fellowship Hall & Zoom

Brunch & Worship through Work - bring a brunch item to share

Monday Morning Quarterbacks (Men's Group) - Mondays @ 10am

Bible Study on the Wisdom of Solomon - Tuesdays @ 10am beg. Sep. 15th via Zoom

Thursday Devotional Time @ 12pm via Zoom

4th Sunday Walking Group @ 8am, Potomac Overlook Regional Park, meet by playground

Summer worship will be at 10am through Rally Day, Sunday, September 13th

To receive church emails,

email covenantpastorpcusa@gmail.com.

Check out the September Covenant Call

Newsletter for more info on upcoming events!

Let's Make Beautiful Music Together!

JOIN OUR ANGKLUNG PRACTICE!

PREPARING FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY WITH CHURCH OF COVENANT ON OCTOBER 4, 2026

We invite all church family and friends to be part of our Angklung practice as we prepare to glorify God together through this beautiful Indonesian musical tradition.

No experience? No problem! Everyone is welcome!

Great news!
OUR FIRST PRACTICE IS THIS SUNDAY!
AUGUST 23
12:00 PM (AFTER WORSHIP)

LED BY **Ms. Trecia**
Our wonderful coach will guide us step by step—come learn, laugh, and make music together!

Let's create harmony instruments in our hands, hearts in worship, and joy in community!
We can't wait to see you!

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- 1 Sunday, August 23
12:00 PM (after worship)
- 2 Sunday, September 6
12:00 PM (after worship)
- 3 Sunday, September 20
3:00 PM (after worship)
- 4 Sunday, September 27
3:00 PM (after worship)

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Questions?
Contact the Music Team
or the EIPC Church Office

See you Sunday!