

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 23, 2026

13th Sunday After Pentecost/Proper 16

10:00 am

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

It Is Well With My Soul arr. Kathryn Carpenter

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING

Rev. Caitlin Culp

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God is our refuge and our strength,

All: A very present help in trouble.

One: Let us quiet our hearts

All: And turn our minds toward God.

One: Come, let us bow down.

All: Let us worship before the Lord our maker.

***OPENING HYMN #451**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that our prayers are often a one-sided list of demands. We speak over the noise of the world, but fail to listen for your quiet voice or look for your active presence. You call us to a transformed life and a renewed mind, yet we conform to the fears and divisions of this age. Forgive our hurried speech and stubborn habits. Silence our self-reliance, open our ears to your Word, and lead us into the paths of your salvation. *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

Wyatt Aasen

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eugene Godwin

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:11-14a

Eugene Godwin

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:5-14

Kent Hamaker

SERMON

Prayer Stations

Kent Hamaker

HYMN #469Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (3x)***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Responsive)**

Prayer requests are listed in the bulletin. You're invited to share prayer requests aloud.

One: Most Holy Oneness of the Cosmos, your desire is in heaven and we've named our needs,
All: Make it so in all the earth...especially in the earth that is our bodies.

EUCHARIST**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Kent & Caitlin

DOXOLOGY #607Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow****PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING****SENDING*****CLOSING HYMN #80***You Shall Go Out with Joy****BENEDICTION**

Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us. Thanks to Kent for planning & leading today's worship service. The Usher is Susan Tarr. The liturgist is Eugene Godwin. Coffee Hour is hosted by Mary Margaret Whipple. 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**Kent Hamaker, **Director of Christian Formation and Outreach**Melissa McMahan, **Music Director**

PRAYER LIST

Almighty God, we pray for our world and our church, calling by name:

Dick, who is in Hospice and his wife, Dolores, and family

Susanne 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, and for his friend, Ambassador Odola.

**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

- **Monday Morning Quarterbacks**
(Men's Group) - Mondays @ 10am
- **Thursday Devotional Time @ 12pm**
via Zoom
- **4th Sunday Walking Group @ 8am,**
Potomac Overlook Regional Park,
meet by the playground
- To receive church emails, email
covenantpastorpcusa@gmail.com
- **Summer worship will be at 10am**
through Rally Day, Sunday, September
13th

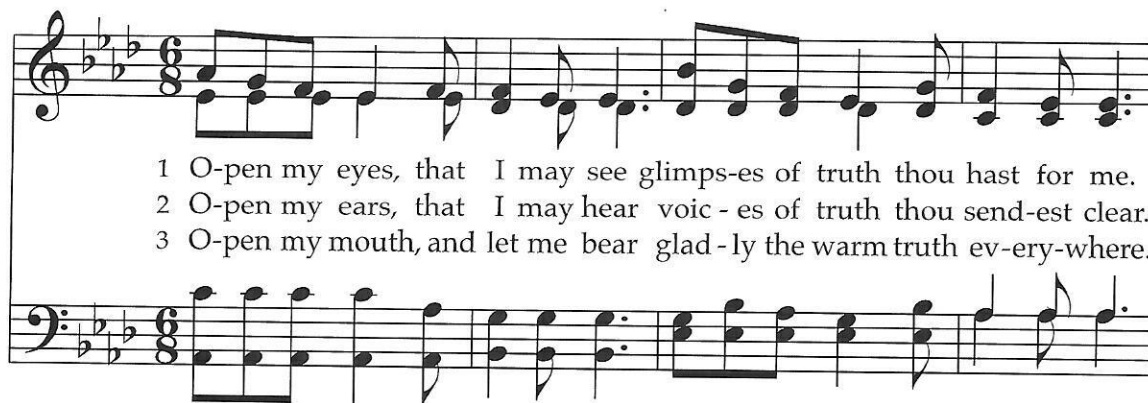


Emmanuel congregation members and friends are invited to join the Angklung rehearsals in preparation for the World Communion Worship Service with Church of the Covenant on Sunday October 4, 2026.

Rehearsal Schedule

- Sunday, August 23, @12:00 PM (after worship service)
- Sunday, September 6, @12:00 PM (after worship service)
- Sunday, September 20, @3:00 PM (after worship service)
- Sunday, September 27, @3:00 PM (after worship service)

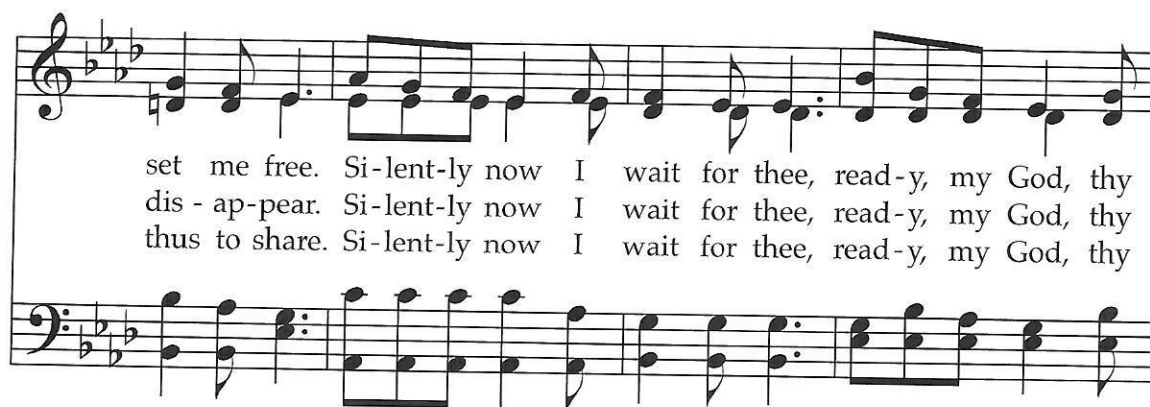
Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.



Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren



set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
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 will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Lord, send your Spir-it in this place, Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace." The score consists of three systems of staves, each with four parts. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music is a simple, hymn-like style with a focus on the lyrics.

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This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

You Shall Go Out with Joy 80

The Trees of the Field

Em B7 Em B7 Em

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

G C G D

the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be -

B N.C. Em B7 Em

fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the

B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em

trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

D7 N.C. G C G D

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;

D7 G D7 G

the trees of the field will clap their hands;

C G D

the trees of the field will clap their hands

B7 Em B7 Em

while you go out with joy.

*Clap hands.

This text paraphrases Isaiah 55:12, which is generally understood to describe a "second exodus," this time from Babylon rather than from Egypt. This release of God's people and their return to their own land gives rise to a joyful celebration involving all creation.