

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 30, 2026

14th Sunday After Pentecost/Proper 16

10:00 am

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

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me arr. David Berry

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

One: For summer graces,

All: For worship music,

One: For beaches and mountains and flowers,

All: For prayers asked and answered,

One: For a sense of peace,

All: And a sense of hope:

One: For all these things we give thanks

All: And worship the Holy One who gives them to us.

***OPENING HYMN**

In the Garden

I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses; And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain: And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing; And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]

I'd stay in the garden with Him Tho' the night around me be falling; But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling. [Refrain]

***PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Caitlin Culp

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 33:1-3

Clara Aasen

HYMN SING

We'll sing 1-2 verses of some of our favorite hymns.
We'll sing til our hearts are content (or until 10:45am, whichever comes first!).

- #610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
- #840 *It Is Well With My Soul*
- #69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*
- #769 *For Everyone Born*
- #157 *I Danced in the Morning*
- #695 *Change My Heart, O God*
- #775 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*
- #100 *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*
- #697 *Take My Life*
- #313 *Lord, Make Us More Holy*
- #649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*
- #354 *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*
- #719 *Come, Labor On*
- #450 *Be Thou My Vision*
- #22 *God of the Sparrow*
- #288 *Spirit of the Living God*
- #667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*
- #250 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SPECIAL MUSIC

Come Build a Church by Ken Medema

God of creation, Maker of all things. We gather in this place to pray. We do invite you come now among us; Come and build your church today.

Refrain: Come build a church with soul and spirit, come build a church of flesh and bone. We need no tower rising skyward; no house of wood, or glass, or stone. Come build a church with human frailty. Come build a church of flesh and blood. Jesus shall be its sure foundation. It shall be built by the hand of God.

Let us see the tongues of fire, let us hear the great wind roar. Let us know the awe and wonder, that we've only glimpsed before. Let us feel the strength of passion, which can make us laugh and weep. Let us know this great awakening. For so long we've been asleep.

Let us know the love unceasing, which alone can loose the bounds. Reaching out across the chasms, bringing walls of hatred down. Let us taste the sweet communion, where the circle never ends. Hold us in the sweet connection, turning strangers into friends. (Refrain)

Guide our feet in peaceful pathways. Teach us peace of heart and mind; peace with God and all God's children; till we leave our wars behind.

Surely joy will come and find us like a breeze that cools the night; like the rain upon the desert; like a candle's gentle light. (Refrain)

***DOXOLOGY #607**

Praise 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 Melissa for leading the Hymn Sing. The Usher is Barbara Washburn. The liturgist is Clara Aasen. 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.

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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Kent Hamaker, **Director of Christian Formation and Outreach**
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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.

Caroline, friend of Mary Margaret's.

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

- **Rally Day at Covenant** - Sunday, September 13th, 10am - **Brunch & Worship through Work** - bring a brunch item to share
- **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



Let's Make Beautiful Music Together!

JOIN OUR ANGKLUNG PRACTICE!

PREPARING FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY WITH CHURCH OF COVENANT ON OCTOBER 4, 2025

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!