Unit 3: Our Life Together

In this unit, you will jump with both feet into much of what makes the practice of United Methodism unique among Protestant denominations. We'll explore everything from how our church is organized to how we worship together!

You will learn about the instrumental role our hymnal plays in preparing for worship, as well as what we believe about our practices of Holy Communion and baptism. The unit then provides an introduction to The United Methodist Social Principles, our guide to how to be United Methodists in our world.

We close with a reminder that our understanding of social issues is meaningless unless we also take action on what we believe together! You will emerge from "Our Life Together" with not only a better understanding of our global church, but also a better understanding of what it means to be confirmed.

Welcome to Confirmation Class

Confirm Series: Lessons 12-13

As we wait to begin, take a moment to review our goals and expectations for class:

Lesson Goals

As a result of this lesson, I will be able to…

- Discuss what is important to the heart of United Methodist worship, what is essential
- Explore the UMC hymnal and the themes, orders for service, and various events that music conveys

Class Expectations

- WORK HARD
- BE KIND

For Fun!

Be ready to share one response:

- Who is your favorite music group/person?
- What genre (style) of music do you enjoy most?
- What genre (style) of music do you not enjoy or like listening to?

[13] Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,
[14] but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.
The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."
John 4:13-14

Tentative Agenda

5:00-5:05= Welcome/Opening Prayer

5:05-5:30= Lesson 12: Simple Worship

5:30-5:45= Break/Snack

5:45-6:25= Lesson 13: Music and Lyrics

6:25-6:30= Wrap Up/Closing

Opening Prayer

Dear God, Thank you for bringing us together today as we explore what it means to worship you with open hearts. Help us to understand the essentials of worship and why they matter, as we learn about the beauty and depth of each part of the service. Show us how music and lyrics can bring us closer to you, filling us with joy and purpose. May our time together inspire us to worship simply, fully, and with our whole selves. Guide our hearts and minds as we listen, learn, and seek to honor you in all we do. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Unit 3: Our Life Together

Lesson 12:
Simple Worship



Worship Components



Pews

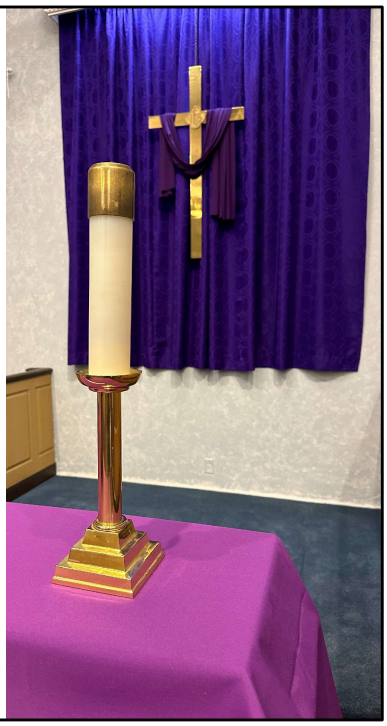


Worship Components



Candles

- Christ Candle
- Paschal Candle
- Alter candles

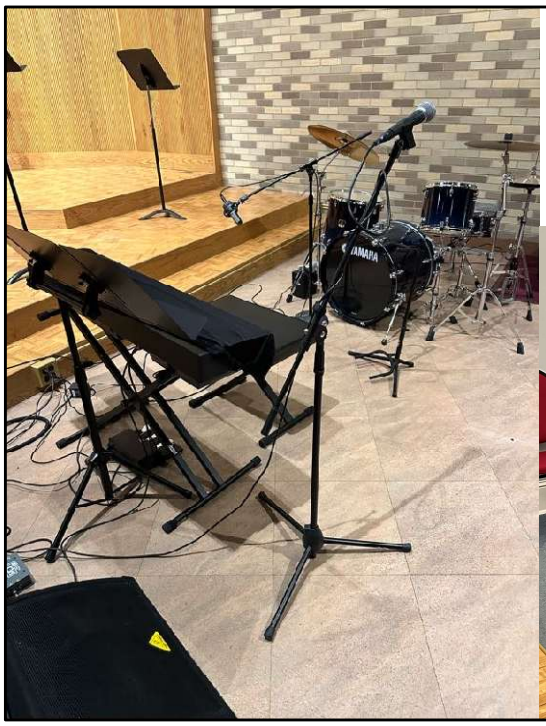


Worship Components



Bible

Worship Components



Band/live music

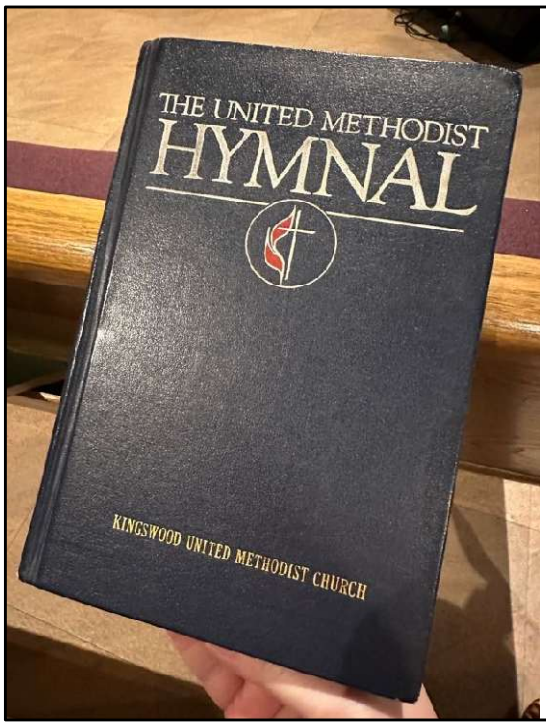


Worship Components



Offertory

Worship Components

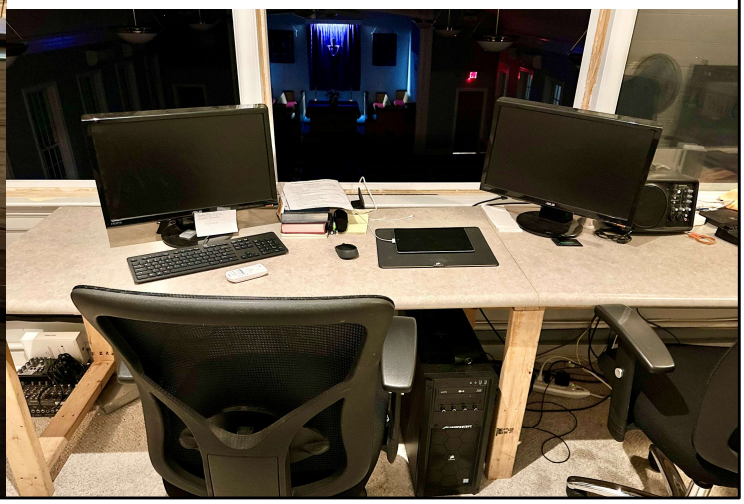


Hymnal

Worship Components



Tech: Sound board/ projectors



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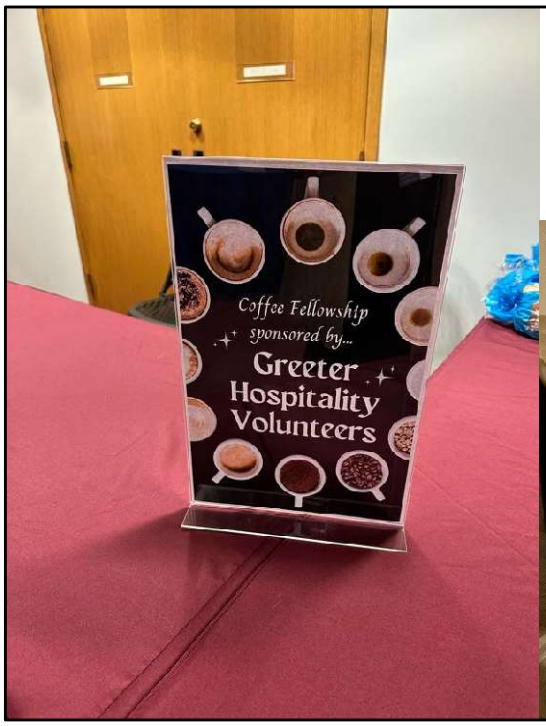

Coffee Fellowship/ Coffee Hour



Worship Components



Communion: Bread

Worship Components



Communion: Juice

Worship Components



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MARCH 10, 2024

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Invite

Have a heart for others

Welcome to Kingswood Church as we continue our sermon series, ***INVITE: Have a Heart for Others,*** and journey through the 40 days of Lent. We will challenge ourselves to open our hearts wide to others, especially those seeking a place of love, grace, and healing. Today, we hear the story of Philip being sent to a lonely rural road to meet a pilgrim returning to Ethiopia from Jerusalem. Philip commits himself to personal invitation and connection in the name of Christ, and his actions change the man's life but also the world. How is God calling you to make a personal connection? Are you being nudged to care for someone or connect with someone in a new and life-changing way?

EASTER SERVE & SEEK

10 am Saturday, March 16 Deerfield Campus

Service projects in partnership with Gratitude Generation and Easter Egg Hunt

Kingswood is partnering with Gratitude Generation to make an impact this Easter season. Join us on **Saturday, March 16**, for our Easter Serve and Seek day of fun where kids, ages preschool through 5th grade can participate in mission projects to serve others, enjoy an Easter craft and snack, and take a trip around our Deerfield campus to seek out Easter eggs full of challenge puzzles. Starting at 10 am families are invited to the Deerfield campus to participate in three different service projects. Then at 11 am, we will host an Easter Egg Hunt with fun prizes at the end. Sign up at kingswoodumc.com/events.

9 am - 3 pm Saturday, April 13

Women's Retreat

"WOMEN OF THE BIBLE"

The Adult Formation Team is pleased to announce a Women's Retreat, facilitated by Rev. Jenny Weber on "Women of the Bible." The retreat will be held on **Saturday, April 13** from 9 am to 3 pm at the New Morning Retreat Center in Hampshire. Participation is limited to 25 women and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. There is an option for 12 women to stay at the retreat center on Friday night for a cost of $60. There is no cost for the retreat. Please sign up and indicate/submit payment if you will participate in the overnight option. Please note that the Retreat Center is not handicap accessible. Visit kingswoodumc.com/events to register by April 1.

Lenten Offering

This Lenten season, join us in making a meaningful impact with **Heifer International**. Our goal is to raise enough funds for a Gift Ark - a remarkable donation that includes two water buffaloes, two cows, two sheep, and two goats, along with bees, chicks, and rabbits. By supporting Heifer's sustainable development programs, we can empower families with the resources and training they need to achieve self-reliance. Through initiatives like providing livestock, agricultural training, and access to markets, Heifer International fosters long-term solutions to hunger and poverty. Let's come together as a community to make a lasting difference this Lenten season and sow seeds of hope for a brighter future for all.

gswood Cares God's Creation

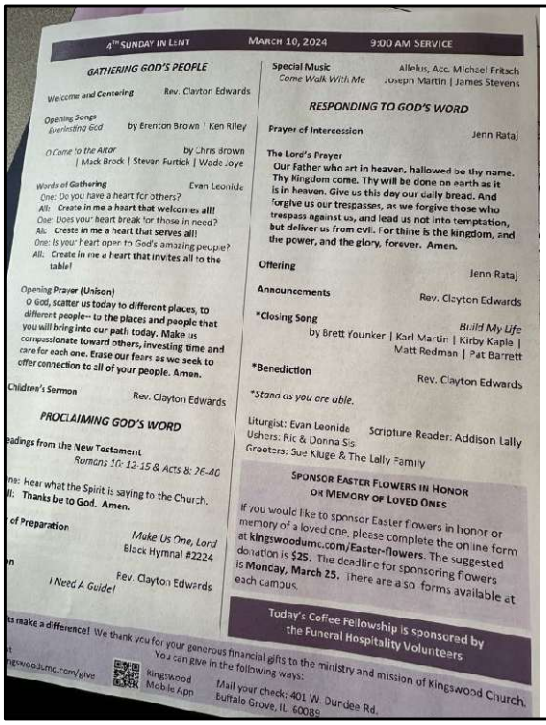
During Lent, the Social Justice/Diversity Team invites everyone to use this time to focus on ways we can honor God's creation by being better stewards of the environment. To help you adapt to new shopping habits, and to spread the word about Kingswood's commitment to caring for God's creation, today's display will offer reusable shopping bags and an opportunity to take home some of the products that can help you live up to the Lent challenge. The bags can be used at any retail store (clothing stores, hardware stores, drug stores, library) - not just the grocery store!

CHRISTIAN BIOETHICS CLASS

In April, the Rev. Eric Brown, chaplain at Great Lakes, will teach a class on Christian Bioethics, exploring a Christian approach to medical ethics from our Wesleyan perspective. The intent is that participants will have a better theological and practical grounding in the Christian approach to the many ethical quandaries of our modern era. If you're interested in thinking about our Christian faith and the bioethical and medical issues of our day, this class is for you. We will meet on Tuesdays, **April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30** at 7 pm to 8:30 pm at the Buffalo Grove cam... be hybrid and the limit is 20 participants. Sign up at kingswoodum...

Announcements/ Events

Worship Components



4TH SUNDAY IN LENT — MARCH 10, 2024 — 9:00 AM SERVICE

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Centering — Rev. Clayton Edwards

Opening Songs
Everlasting God — by Brenton Brown | Ken Riley
O Come to the Altar — by Chris Brown | Mack Brock | Stevan Furtick | Wade Joye

Words of Gathering — Evan Leonide
One: Do you have a heart for others?
All: Create in me a heart that welcomes all!
One: Does your heart break for those in need?
All: Create in me a heart that serves all!
One: Is your heart open to God's amazing people?
All: Create in me a heart that invites all to the table!

Opening Prayer (Unison)
O God, scatter us today to different places, to different people– to the places and people that you will bring into our path today. Make us compassionate toward others, investing time and care for each one. Erase our fears as we seek to offer connection to all of your people. Amen.

Children's Sermon — Rev. Clayton Edwards

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Readings from the New Testament
Romans 10: 12-15 & Acts 8: 26-40

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Time of Preparation
Make Us One, Lord
Black Hymnal #2224

Sermon — Rev. Clayton Edwards
I Need A Guide!

Special Music — Alleluia, Acc. Michael Fritsch
Come Walk With Me — Joseph Martin | James Stevens

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Intercession — Jenn Rataj

The Lord's Prayer
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering — Jenn Rataj

Announcements — Rev. Clayton Edwards

*Closing Song — Build My Life
by Brett Younker | Karl Martin | Kirby Kaple | Matt Redman | Pat Barrett

*Benediction — Rev. Clayton Edwards

*Stand as you are able.

Liturgist: Evan Leonide — Scripture Reader: Addison Lally
Ushers: Pic & Donna Sis
Greeters: Sue Kluge & The Lally Family

SPONSOR EASTER FLOWERS IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

If you would like to sponsor Easter flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete the online form at kingswoodumc.com/Easter-flowers. The suggested donation is $25. The deadline for sponsoring flowers is Monday, March 25. There are also forms available at each campus.

Today's Coffee Fellowship is sponsored by the Funeral Hospitality Volunteers

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Bulletin/ Order of Service

Worship Components



Clergy
(Pastors)

Worship Components

Put the items for worship into order from

MOST IMPORTANT to LEAST IMPORTANT for worship.

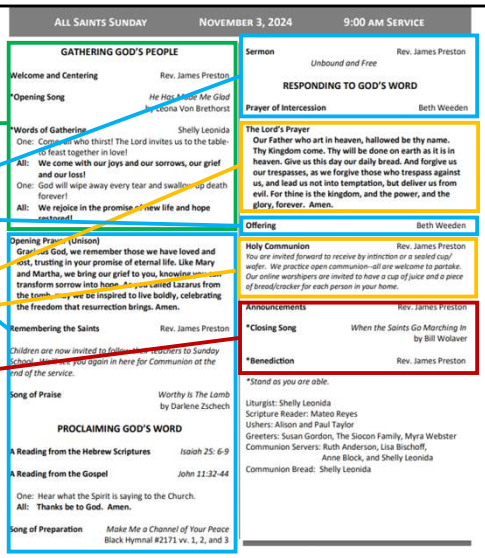
1. Why did your group pick the top item as the most important? Why did your group pick the last item as the least important?
2. What was your process for deciding the order of importance for all of these things we use in worship?
3. Who in our church determines what is necessary for worship?
4. What do you think is most important to God in our worship services?
5. What from this list could be eliminated and still leave us with worship?
6. What does "worship" mean to you?

Order of Importance and Discussion

- Rank in order from MOST IMPORTANT to LEAST IMPORTANT in a worship service
- *WORSHIP MEANS:* Worship means showing extreme love and devotion, often for God, and it's a response to recognizing their awesomeness. Worship is about more than just singing in church; it includes praising God through songs, prayer, and living a life that reflects their character, such as through acts of kindness, service, or personal sacrifice. It can also be seen as the act of giving your "worth-ship," or honor, to God.

A New Way to Worship: Movements

- **Entrance**
- **Proclamation and Response**
- **Thanksgiving and Communion**
- **Sending Forth**



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY — NOVEMBER 3, 2024 — 9:00 AM SERVICE

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Centering — Rev. James Preston

*Opening Song — *He Has Made Me Glad* by Leona Von Brethorst

*Words of Gathering — Shelly Leonida

One: Come, all who thirst! The Lord invites us to the table- to feast together in love!

All: We come with our joys and our sorrows, our grief and our loss!

One: God will wipe away every tear and swallow up death forever!

All: We rejoice in the promise of new life and hope restored!

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Gracious God, we remember those we have loved and lost, trusting in your promise of eternal life. Like Mary and Martha, we bring our grief to you, knowing you can transform sorrow into hope. As you called Lazarus from the tomb, may we be inspired to live boldly, celebrating the freedom that resurrection brings. Amen.

Remembering the Saints — Rev. James Preston

Children are now invited to follow their teachers to Sunday School. We will see you again in here for Communion at the end of the service.

Song of Praise — *Worthy Is The Lamb* by Darlene Zschech

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures — *Isaiah 25: 6-9*

A Reading from the Gospel — *John 11:32-44*

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song of Preparation — *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Black Hymnal #2171 vv. 1, 2, and 3

Sermon — Rev. James Preston

Unbound and Free

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Intercession — Beth Weeden

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering — Beth Weeden

Holy Communion — Rev. James Preston

You are invited forward to receive by intinction or a sealed cup/ wafer. We practice open communion--all are welcome to partake. Our online worshipers are invited to have a cup of juice and a piece of bread/cracker for each person in your home.

Announcements — Rev. James Preston

*Closing Song — *When the Saints Go Marching In* by Bill Wolaver

*Benediction — Rev. James Preston

**Stand as you are able.*

Liturgist: Shelly Leonida
Scripture Reader: Mateo Reyes
Ushers: Alison and Paul Taylor
Greeters: Susan Gordon, The Siocon Family, Myra Webster
Communion Servers: Ruth Anderson, Lisa Bischoff, Anne Block, and Shelly Leonida
Communion Bread: Shelly Leonida

- Which movement do you connect with most? Why?
- Did you have idea for other movements? What are they?
- Why do you think, is it hard for church leaders to come up with creative ways to worship? How can we help them?

4 Movements in Worship

- A United Methodist worship service has four intentional movements: entrance, proclamation, thanksgiving and Communion, and sending forth. What do each of these sections look like in our worship service?
- What components do you think are a part of the ENTRANCE? (Welcoming and centering, Opening songs, and Words of Gathering)
    - From the moment we enter our worship space, we are meant to recognize that our interaction with God's presence has already begun. This section includes: gathering, greeting, hymn, prayers, and praise.
- What components do you think are a part of the PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE? (Opening prayer, sermon, reading of the Scriptures, Song of preparation, prayer of intersession, Offering)
    - The Word is proclaimed through the scripture and sermon. The church is invited to respond with our prayers, our offerings, and our lives. The section includes: prayer of illumination, Scripture, sermon, response, confession and pardon, and offering.
- What components do you think are a part of the THANKGIVING AND COMMUNION? (Communion)
    - Our response leads us to thanksgiving and occasionally the celebration of Communion. This section includes: prayer of thanksgiving, bread and cup, the Lord's Prayer, Communion.
- What components do you think are a part of the SENDING FORTH? (Announcements, closing song, benediction)
    - Just as we enter aware of God's presence, we are sent forth into the world to join the movement of God and discover the ways that our interaction with God's presence will always continue. This section includes: hymn, benediction, going forth.

Unit 3: Our Life Together

Lesson 13:
Music and Lyrics



What Christian songs did you learn as a little kid? Which songs do you remember most?

Music Discussion

- What church songs do you remember most from your childhood?
    - Many may say: This Little Light of Mine, Jesus Loves Me, Jesus Loves the Little Children…

Worship always gets elevated with music.

Whether we can sing in tune or not,

we can all benefit immensely from singing to God with enthusiasm.

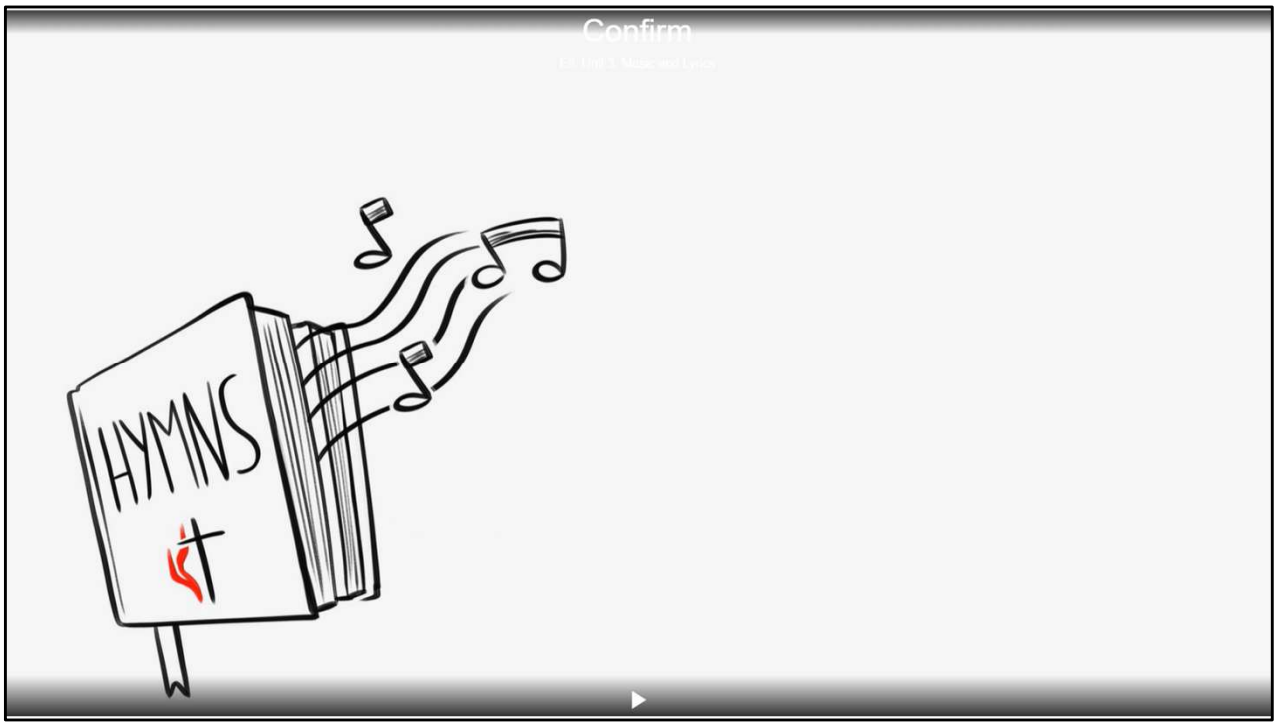
1. What is it about singing in worship that God values so much?

2. Why might it be important to sing in worship?

3. What do you think about signing in worship? Why?

Music discussion—why is music important in our worship?

- The early church didn't have a hymnal anything like ours today; they most likely were singing songs from Psalms, which served as their songbook for worship before the Christian movement grew into home churches. They were passing down songs and psalms of instruction from one generation to the next.
- You may not fully realize it, but God has already provided answers to this question in the Bible. Here are five powerful reasons God loves for us to sing in worship
    - You glorify God when you sing
    - You plant deep roots in the word when you sing
    - You strengthen yourself spiritually when you sing
    - For the enjoyment of being in God's presence
    - To help us learn His words and promises



Watch the Confirm video "Music and Lyrics"

- https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/video/unitedmethodistpublishinghouse/23051-confirm/23054-confirm/60842-unit-3-music-and-lyrics



O For a Thousand Tongues…listen and discuss

- Sometimes when we sing hymns—especially if they're familiar—we think more about the melody than the words.
- If we're meant to teach each other hymns, however, the words mean more than the melody!
- Let's listen to a hymn from the guy we just watched, Charles Wesley. According to UMDiscipleship.org, this hymn is placed first in our hymnal to show its significance in our United Methodist tradition.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. What do you think is the main thing that the writer is trying to express?

2. Is there anything in the song that you are unclear about?

3. How often do you pay attention to the words of the songs we sing in church?



O For a Thousand Tongues…Discuss

- The songs in the United Methodist Hymnal were carefully chosen from hundreds of years of hymns, selecting only those that agree with our United Methodist beliefs.
- 1. What do you think the writer is trying to say?
    - He's just so excited about how good God is that one voice doesn't feel like enough to praise Him.
    - He wants everyone to join in and celebrate what Jesus has done.
    - It's really about joy, freedom, and gratitude—how Jesus changes everything.
    - He's saying that God deserves way more praise than we could ever give on our own.
- 2. Is there anything in the song that's confusing?
    - Yeah, some of the old-fashioned words—like "thousand tongues" or "triumphs of His grace"—don't make sense right away.
    - "A thousand tongues" just means wanting tons of ways to praise God, not literally having 1,000 mouths.
    - The language is super formal, so it helps to think about what it means in today's words—basically, joy, healing, and freedom in Jesus.
- 3. How often do you pay attention to the words of the songs we sing in church?

Original Lyrics	Your Lyrics
1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!	
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.	
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.	
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.	
5. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.	
6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.	
7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.	

Rewrite a Hymn

- Rewrite the verses to this hymn
    - When you are finished, we will play it through AI to hear how it turned out.
        - Play their songs on AI (Suno.com)
- Hymns offer both an introduction to the theology of the church and space for our individual and communal connection with God. St. Augustine once said that when you sing you pray twice, the lyrics and the melody offering something unique and interconnected.

Wrap-Up

Confirm Series: Lessons 10, 12-13

As we wrap up class, let's go over a few things together:

Objective

The objective of class today was…

- Discuss what is important to the heart of United Methodist worship, what is essential
- Explore the UMC hymnal and the themes, orders for service, and various events that music conveys

Application

Today's lesson is important to me because…

Closing Prayer

One confirmand will lead us in a closing prayer.

Upcoming Dates

- October 29
  - Trunk or Treat volunteering (4-6p)
- November 1
  - All Saints Sunday—help honor those who we have lost
  - SNL (5-7p)
- November 8
  - Mentor Meet Up
  - Confirmation Class
- November 13
  - World Kindness Day, Feed My Starving Children
- November 15
  - SNL Friendsgiving (5-7p)
- November 22
  - Mentor Meet Up
  - Confirmation Class
- November 29
  - Hanging of the Greens—help decorate the church for Advent
  - Confirmation Class