

Welcome to Confirmation Class

Confirm Series: Lessons 10, 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...



- Explore the history of Kingswood UMC and how it all connects
- 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



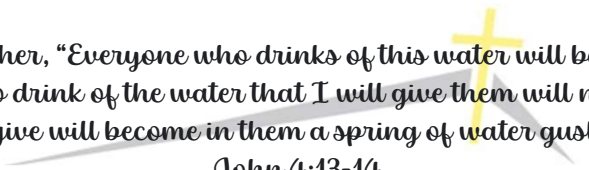
- WORK HARD
- BE KIND
- *No phones should be out*

For Fun!



Talk to your neighbor or the table:

- 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*
5:05-5:15= *Lesson 10: Kingswood's History*
5:15-5:40= *Lesson 12: Simple Worship*
5:40-5:55= 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.

Kingswood Buffalo Grove campus

- The Northern Illinois Conference Board of Missions and the First Methodist Church of Arlington Heights saw a need for a new church in the Buffalo Grove and Wheeling area.
 - The Board of Missions purchased six acres of land, including a stone house and a frame machine shop for the purpose of using it to organize a new Methodist congregation.
- In June 1963, Clark Holt was appointed as the organizing pastor.
 - 75 persons attended the first worship service on September 8, 1963 with the support of First Church in Arlington Heights.
 - Most of the preparation of the machine shed for worship was done by prospective members of the newly emerging congregation.
- We were then chartered on April 12, 1964, as an official Methodist congregation.
 - It became fully self-supporting by January 1, 1967.
- We later adopted the name of Kingswood, a school started by John Wesley, founder of Methodism, for children of miners and Methodist preachers in Bristol, England.
 - **After the denominational merger in 1968, we then became Kingswood United Methodist Church.**



Kingswood Buffalo Grove campus

- Because of steady growth, a new building was built and opened in September of 1969.
 - This building included:
 - A sanctuary for 250 people
 - Pastor's study
 - Church office
 - Nursery
 - Kitchen
 - Washrooms
 - The Fireside Room
- Growth continued and more space was needed. In September of 1978, a building addition was completed.
 - This included:
 - Six classrooms
 - Music room
 - Two offices
 - Kitchen
 - Gymnasium (Activity Center)
 - Sanctuary seating was increased to 350
- In 1980, Grace UMC of Prairie View was linked to Kingswood.
 - They later merged into Kingswood and the facility was sold
- In 1997-98, another addition was added.
 - This included:
 - 11 classrooms
 - Renovations of the sanctuary and Fireside Room
 - New hallways



Kingswood Buffalo Grove campus

Fast Facts

- Manna House is the original farmhouse
 - This used to be where the pastor lived!
- 32 names were considered before deciding on Kingswood
 - This honors the Kingswood Children's School that John Wesley started in 1748 in Bristol, England
- Senior pastors include:
 - 1963-71: Reverend Clark Holt
 - 1971-73: Reverend Charles Klosterman
 - 1973-84: Reverend Steve Dahl
 - 1984-87: Reverend Jim Conner
 - 1984-92: Reverend Harry Nicol
 - 1992-2005: Reverend Richard Oliver
 - 2005-12: Reverend Margaret Gramley
 - 2012-current: Reverend James Preston
- The labyrinth was created in 2011

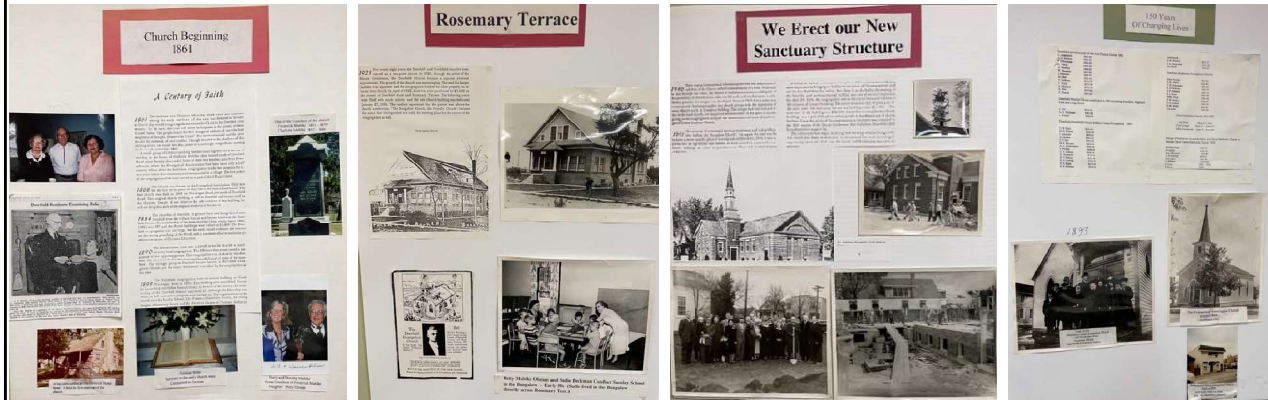


Kingswood Deerfield campus

- Started as Bethlehem Evangelical Church by a German circuit rider in 1861
 - 33 circuit riders went to this area from 1861-1921 for the Evangelical Association
- 1861-1946: Bethlehem Evangelical Church
- 1946-1968: The Bethlehem Evangelical United Brethren Church
 - Current sanctuary was built in 1951
 - Current education wing and office built in 1961
- 1968-2023: Christ United Methodist Church
- 2023-current: Kingswood United Methodist Church



Kingswood Deerfield campus



Kingswood Deerfield campus

Fast Facts

- Senior pastors include:
 - 1861-1947: No record of pastors found
 - 1947-1955: Reverend Francis Guither
 - 1955-1968: Reverend Eugene Wykle
 - 1968-1970: Reverend John Bouldin
 - 1970-1975: Reverend Donnell Jenkins
 - 1975-1989: Reverend Chub Weatherby
 - 1989-1995: Reverend Steve Howland
 - 1995-2001: Reverend Jamie Williams
 - 2001-2009: Reverend Christian Coon
 - 2009-2017: Reverend Brian Roots
 - 2017-2020: Reverend Norval Brown
 - 2020-2023: Reverend Esther Lee
 - 2023-current: Reverend Clayton Edwards
- The former youth space is nicknamed “The Cave”



Unit 3: Our Life Together

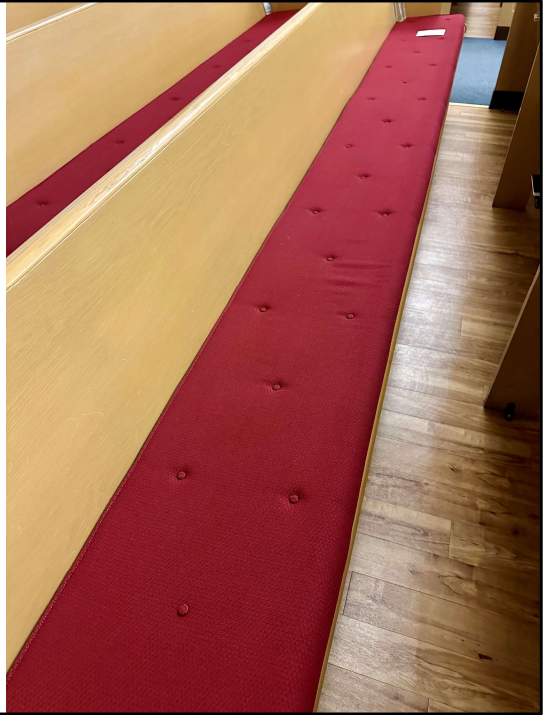
Lesson 12:
Simple Worship

Welcome Center





Pews





Candles

- Christ Candle
- Paschal Candle
- Alter candles



Bible

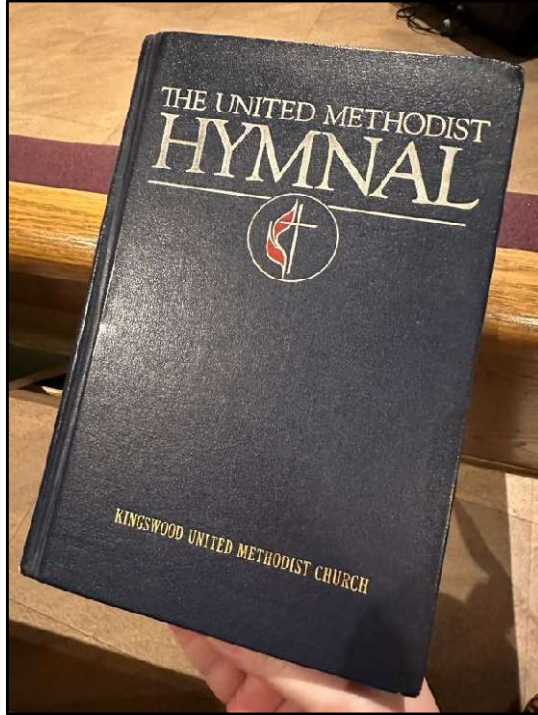


Band/live music



Offertory

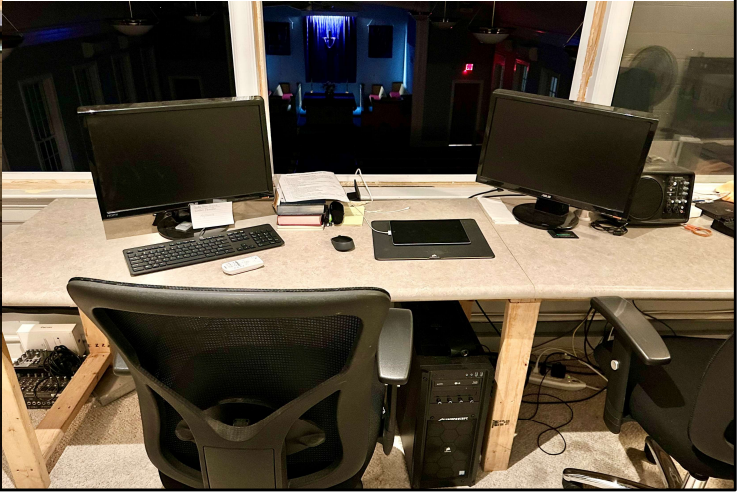




Hymnal



Tech: Sound board/
projectors



Coffee Fellowship/ Coffee Hour



For Communion Today...

- Communion will be offered to you *upfront at the altar this morning with either small cup/wafer or intinction*. You will be invited *by the clergy to come forward*.
- If you do not feel comfortable *coming forward*, you can pick up a *cup/wafer here on this table* and take it with you.



Communion:
Bread

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Communion:
Juice



WELCOME TO KINGSWOOD CHURCH
 BUFFALO GROVE | DEERFIELD
 MARCH 10, 2024

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 Email Jen Sawyer, our Minister of Children & Families,
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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
 When Saturday, March 16
 Deerfield Campus
 Join us for a day of fun where kids, ages preschool through 5th grade can participate in mission projects to serve others, enjoy an Easter 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

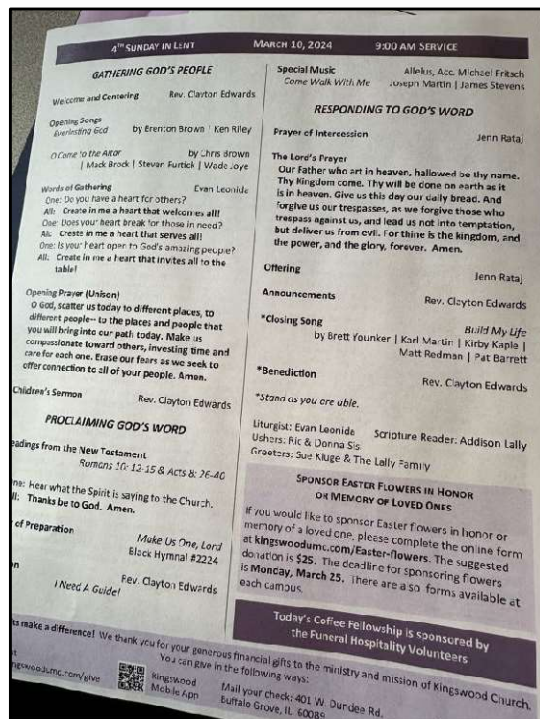
Women's Retreat
 Saturday, April 13
 The Adult Formation Team is pleased to announce a Women's Retreat, facilitated by Rev. Jenny Weber on "Women of the Bible." The retreat will be held on **Saturday, April 13** from 9 am to 3 pm at the New Morning Retreat Center in Hampshire. Participation is limited to 25 women and center on Friday night for a cost of \$60. There is an option for 12 women to stay at the retreat indicate/submit payment if you will participate in the overnight option. 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.

Kingwood 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 Kingwood'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 campus. We will meet be hybrid and the limit is 20 participants. Sign up at kingswoodumc.com

Announcements/ Events



Bulletin/ Order of Service



Clergy
(Pastors)



Clergy
(Pastors)

**Put the items for worship into order from
MOST IMPORTANT to LEAST IMPORTANT for worship.**

**Then talk to your partner about the following questions
before we share as a group.**

1. Share your rankings. 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?

- **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		Sermon <i>Unbound and Free</i> Rev. James Preston	
Welcome and Centering Rev. James Preston		RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD	
*Opening Song <i>He Has Answered Me Gladly</i> by Cecelia Von Brethorst		Prayer of Intercession Beth Weeden	
Words of Gathering Shelly Leonida One: <i>Conspire with Christ! The Lord invites us to the table— to feast together in love!</i> All: <i>We come with our joys and our sorrows, our grief and our loss!</i> One: <i>God will wipe away every tear and swallow up death forever!</i> All: <i>We rejoice in the promise of new life and hope (amen)</i>		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.	
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 raised Lazarus from the tomb, we are inspired to live boldly, celebrating the freedom that resurrection brings. Amen.		Offering Beth Weeden	
Remembering the Saints Rev. James Preston Children are now invited to follow their parents to Sunday School. When you give sign in here for Communion at the end of the service.		Holy Communion Rev. James Preston You are invited forward to receive by intinction or a sealed cup/ wafers. We practice open communion—all are welcome to partake. Our online worshippers are invited to have a cup of juice and a piece of bread/cracker for each person in your home.	
Song of Praise Worthy is The Lamb by Darlene Zschech		Announcements Rev. James Preston	
PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD		*Closing Song When the Saints Go Marching In by Bill Wolaver	
A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures Isaiah 25: 6-9		*Benediction Rev. James Preston	
A Reading from the Gospel John 11:32-44		*Stand as you are able.	
One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. All: Thanks be to God. Amen.		Liturgist: Shelly Leonida Scripture Reader: Matteo Reyes Ushers: Allison and Paul Taylor Greeters: Susan Gordon, The Sisco Family, Myra Webster Communion Servers: Ruth Anderson, Lisa Buschhoff, Anne Block, and Shelly Leonida Communion Bread: Shelly Leonida	
Song of Preparation Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Black Hymnal #2174 vs. 1, 2, and 3			

- 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?

- 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 intercession, 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.

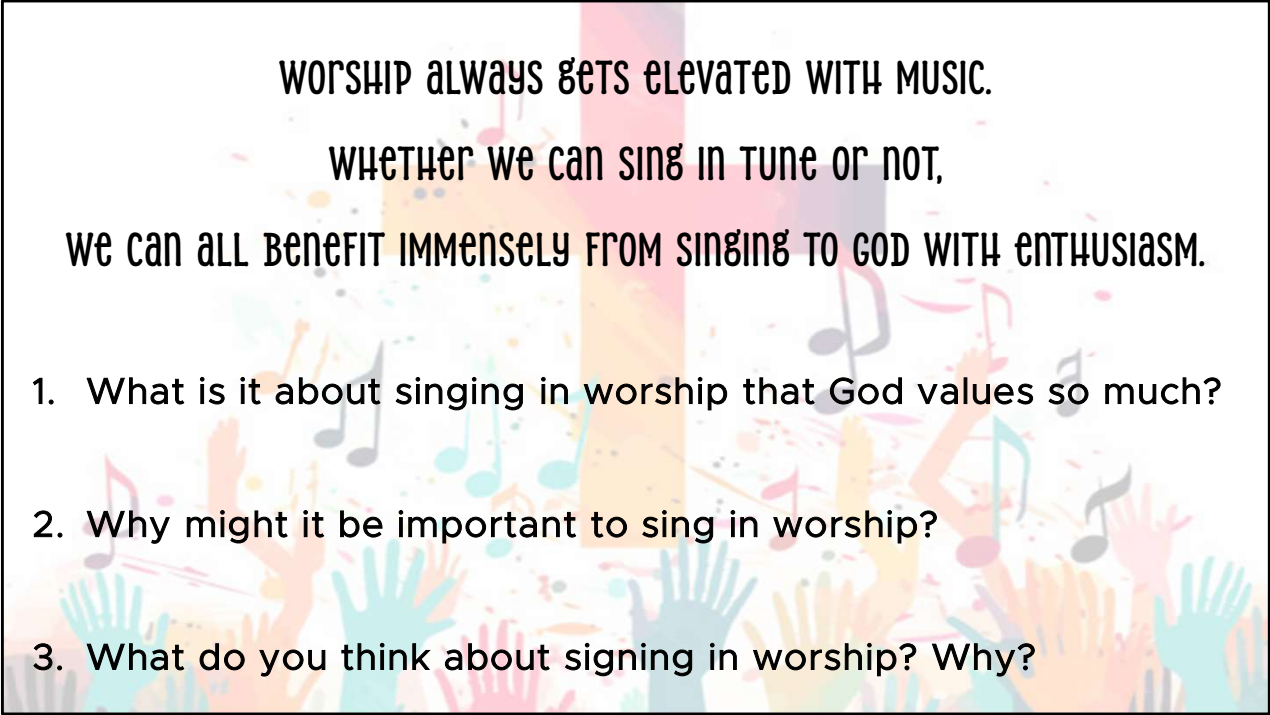
Unit 3: Our Life Together

Lesson 13: Music and Lyrics



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

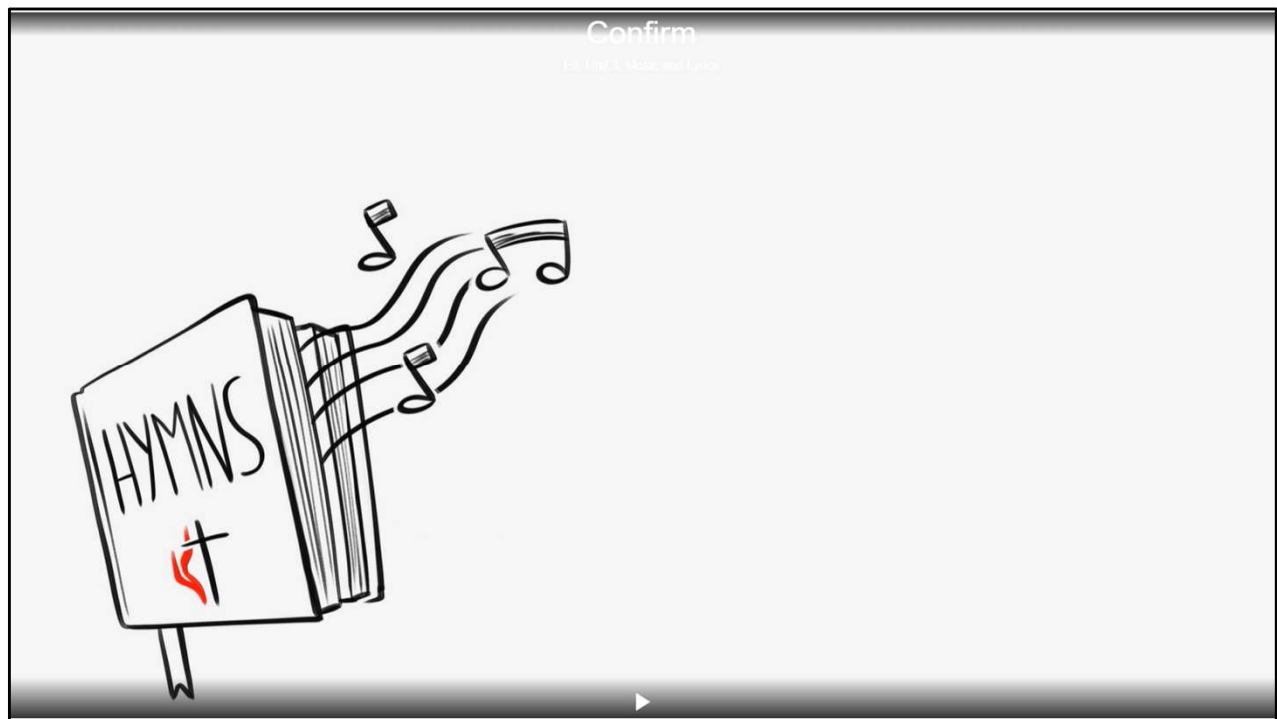
- What church songs do you remember most from your childhood?
 - Many may say: This Little Light of Mine, Jesus Loves Me, Jesus Loves the Little Children...



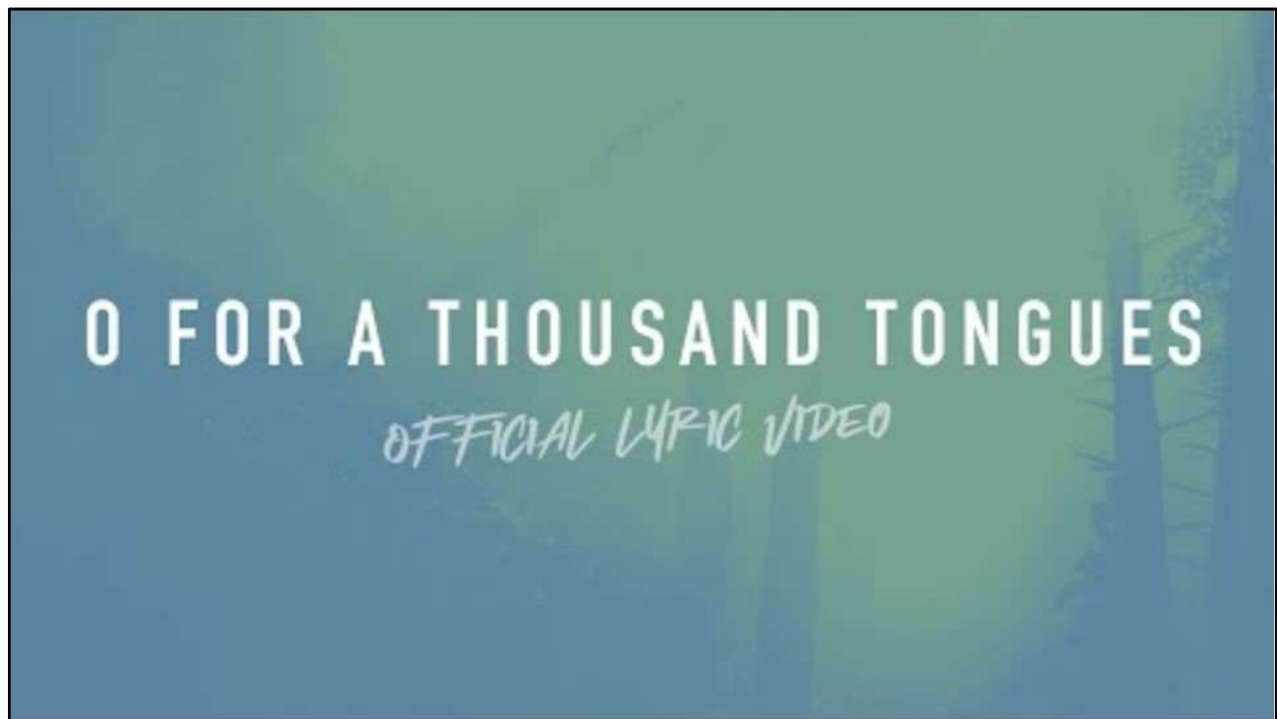
WORSHIP ALWAYS GETS ELEVATED WITH MUSIC.
WHETHER WE CAN SING IN TUNE OR NOT,
WE CAN ALL BENEFIT IMMENSELY FROM SINGING TO GOD WITH ENTHUSIASM.

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?

- 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



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- 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?



- 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 the verses to this hymn
 - When you are finished, we will play it through AI to hear how it turned out: [Suno.com](https://www.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

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As we wrap up class, lets go over a few things together:

Objective

The objective of class today was...

Application

Today's lesson is important to me because...

Closing Prayer

One confirmand will lead us in a closing prayer.

Upcoming Dates

- November 3
 - All Saints Sunday—come help honor those who we have lost
 - SNL (5-7p)
- November 9
 - Mentor Meet Up (10-10:30a)
 - Confirmation Class (5-6:30p)
- November 13
 - World Kindness Day Open House (6-8p)
- November 15
 - Feed My Starving Children (5-6:30p)
- November 16
 - SNL: Friendsgiving at Deerfield (5-7p)
- November 23
 - Confirmation Class
- November 30
 - Hanging of the Greens—come help decorate the church for Advent
 - Confirmation Class (5-6:30p)