



Finding Meaning in Our Worship Music

Music Is Part of Our Lives

We hear it in the car, shopping, even on television. A lot of the music we hear is just “background noise,” but music also has power. It can change our mood and influence how we see other people, as just two examples. The music we sing in worship has power too—it can even shape how we understand God and our relationship to God.

Question for Reflection

Think about the music you’ve listened to over the past week. Do you have an emotional reaction to music (crying, laughing, etc.)? Why do you think this happens—the words, the music, both?

PRAYER

Almighty God,
You tell us to sing a new song.
Show us how the songs we sing shape
how we understand ourselves and you,
and help us to offer ourselves in praise
to you.
Amen.

SCRIPTURES

Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!
—Psalm 150:3–6

Analyzing Hymns

Use the chart below for analyzing the hymns in the lesson.

Song/Hymn	What does the hymn say about God?	What does the hymn say about us?	What does the hymn say about our relationship with God?
Song of Moses			
Other Hymns			
My Favorite Hymn			