

Singing the Whole Story: Hymn Festival template

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To aid you in planning the Hymn Festival and to promote singing the whole story of God and God's people through vibrant congregational song and participation of all ages, we have provided a festival template for use with the hymnal *Lift Up Your Hearts*. The 850+ songs in this new hymnal will allow you to select songs from several styles and several periods of church history, including songs from contemporary songwriters from a variety of cultures and contexts around the world.

The organization of songs in the first half of the hymnal *Lift Up Your Hearts* is listed on page 2. For your hymn festival, please select a total of at least 8 songs, with at least one song from each section (7 sections). We encourage you to look for creative ways of telling "[The True Story of the Whole World](#)" such as focusing on one theme or dimension of the grand story of salvation.

You are encouraged to make use of *The Worship Sourcebook, 2nd edition* (included in your HymnFest kit) for prayer texts or other litanies during the service.

Also, visit the website for additional resources on each song in the hymnal:
<http://www.liftupyourheartshymnal.org/>

Please include the **HymnFest logo** in your printed program and mail me a copy after the festival for our records.

If you would benefit from participation (musical leadership or a preacher/liturgist) from Calvin Institute of Christian Worship staff or associates, please email me with your request.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Cordially,

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(organization of the first half of the hymnal *Lift Up Your Hearts*)

Old Testament Life and Witness

- Creation and Providence
- Fall and the Human Condition
- God's Covenant Faithfulness

Advent Expectation

Christ's Life

- Christmas
- Epiphany
- Baptism of Our Lord
- Teaching and Miracles
- Transfiguration and Lenten Journey

Christ's Passion and Exaltation

- Palm/Passion Sunday
- Maundy Thursday
- Good Friday
- Easter
- Ascension and Reign
- Pentecost

Joining in the Spirit's Work

- Through the Church
- In Culture, Communities, and Nations
- In Family and Relationships
- In Our Walk with God

Trusting the Triune God...

- In Grateful Living
- In Marking Time
- In Difficult Times
- In Death and Dying

Hope for Things to Come...

- Christ's Second Coming
- The New Heaven and Earth

(organization of the second half of the hymnal, for your reference)

Opening of Worship

Called to Be Holy

Hearing the Word

Confessing Our Faith

Receiving the Sacraments

Living Our Baptism

Charge and Blessing