

August Worship 2026: Music that has shaped our faith

August 2-30

We know that music shapes us. From the lullabies our parents sang to us, to the angsty music of our teens, to the hymns we choose for our funeral, music helps us express ourselves and shapes our sense of identity. But music also shapes our faith. The psalms were the song book of the Hebrew people, together they sang their praise, their laments, and their trust in God's faithfulness.



Our hymns shape the way that we think about God and give us metaphors set to tunes that live deep within us. But it is not just religious music that can shape our faith, God is everywhere and can and can speak to us in many different ways. Sometimes Rock n roll can speak more poignantly than a hymn.

Music is particular to a time and place and yet also transcends both, we sing hymns and play music that was written many years ago and still find it meaningful. Throughout this series we'll hear stories from folks whose faith was deepened by hearing and singing music, both secular and sacred, and likely we'll realize that binary isn't very useful, since all music has the potential to help us to access the divine.

Date	Theme/ text	Storyteller	Special extras
8/2	60s-70s protest music	Brian Roots	NO SS or second hour
8/9	J.S.Bach, Psalm 33: 1-3, <i>"Listen carefully...and incline the ear of your heart"</i> — <i>Rule of St. Benedict</i>	Mary Lehman Yoder	Electives begin for 2nd grade through adults. Sunday school for 1 st grade and under. Backpack blessing
8/16	Bruce Springsteen Deuteronomy 30:11-19	Karl Shelly	Electives
8/23	TBD	Kate Roth, Moriah Hurst, Mackenzie Miller	Electives
8/30	TBD	Beverly Lapp	Electives