

C O N T E N T S

CONTEXT IS EVERYTHING! Songs selected for *Sing! Prayer and Praise* are intended to be used in all kinds of congregational settings. Some services may begin in lament and end in hope; others may begin in energetic praise and end in mission commitment; some may be all thanksgiving, beginning to end.

The four categories into which *Sing! Prayer and Praise* is organized are meant to help worship planners get started. The boundaries between the categories are not hard and fast. Planners may find that a song found in “Encounter” will serve as well to gather people or to give voice to the congregation’s response.



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GATHER—Songs 1–45

*Songs that invite people to come into community
and enter together into the presence of the Holy.*

ENCOUNTER—Songs 46–116

*Songs that invite people to dwell with God, Jesus Christ,
and the Holy Spirit and that put words to their experience
of blessing and joy, of longing, of struggle and hope.*

RESPOND—Songs 117–189

*Songs that invite people to acknowledge God’s call to transform lives,
and that give voice to faith in and commitment to God’s realm.*

GO FORTH—Songs 190–217

*Songs that send people into their everyday lives rejoicing,
refreshed, and renewed to give witness to the Holy in our world.*

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