

ACC Preaching Series

WORSHIP

IN THE SPIRIT & TRUTH

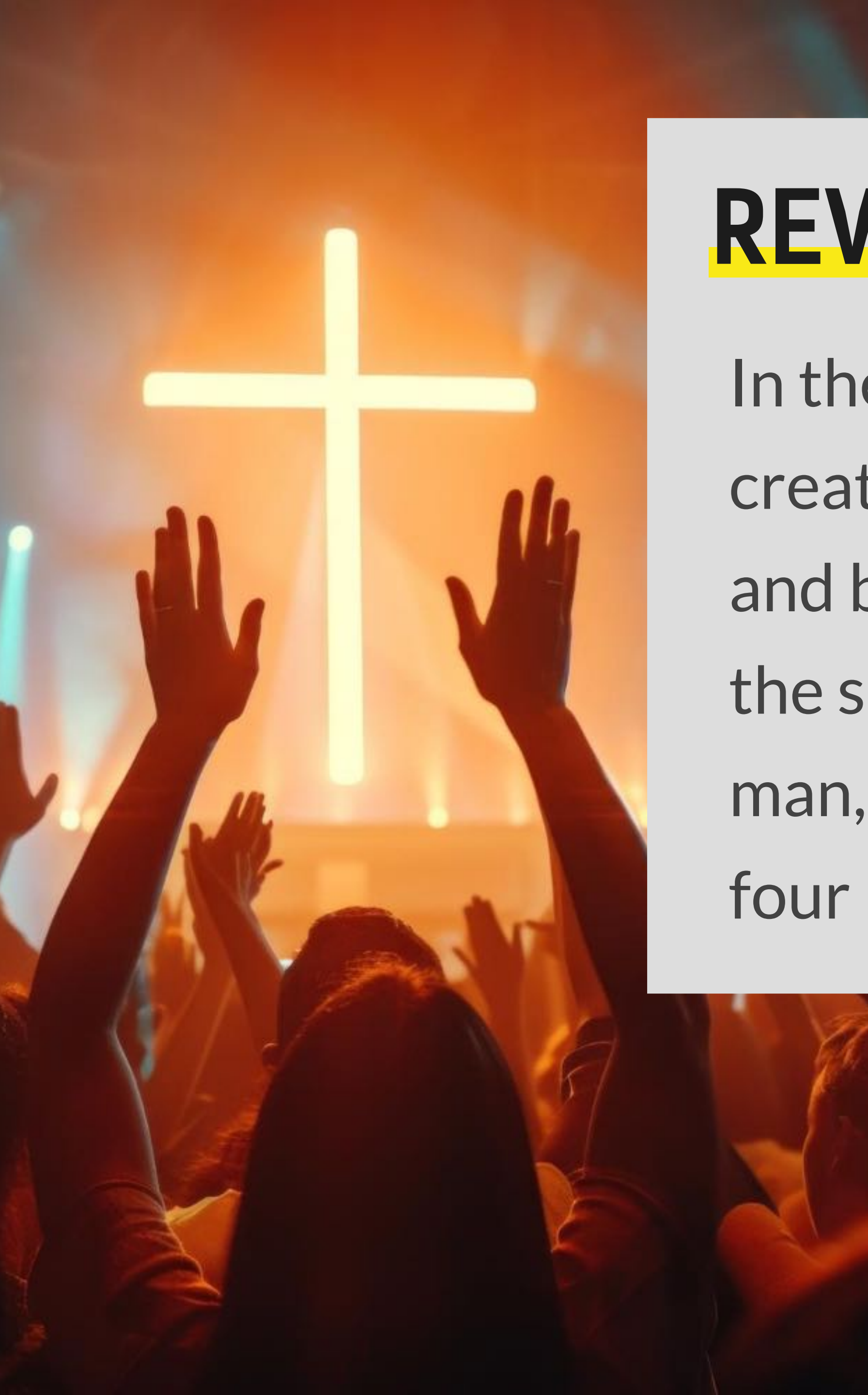
Summer 2026



**True worship
is endlessly
enjoyable**

**Revelation 4
Psalm 147**



A photograph of a church service. In the background, a large, glowing white cross is visible against a warm, orange-hued light. In the foreground, the silhouettes of many people are seen with their hands raised in prayer or praise. The overall atmosphere is one of worship and devotion.

REVELATION 4:6b–8

In the centre, round the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and behind. The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all round, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.”

Psalm 147 v1

Praising God is enjoyable

“Praise the Lord.

How good it is to sing praises
to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to
praise him!”



Psalm 147 v2

God has built up
and gathered

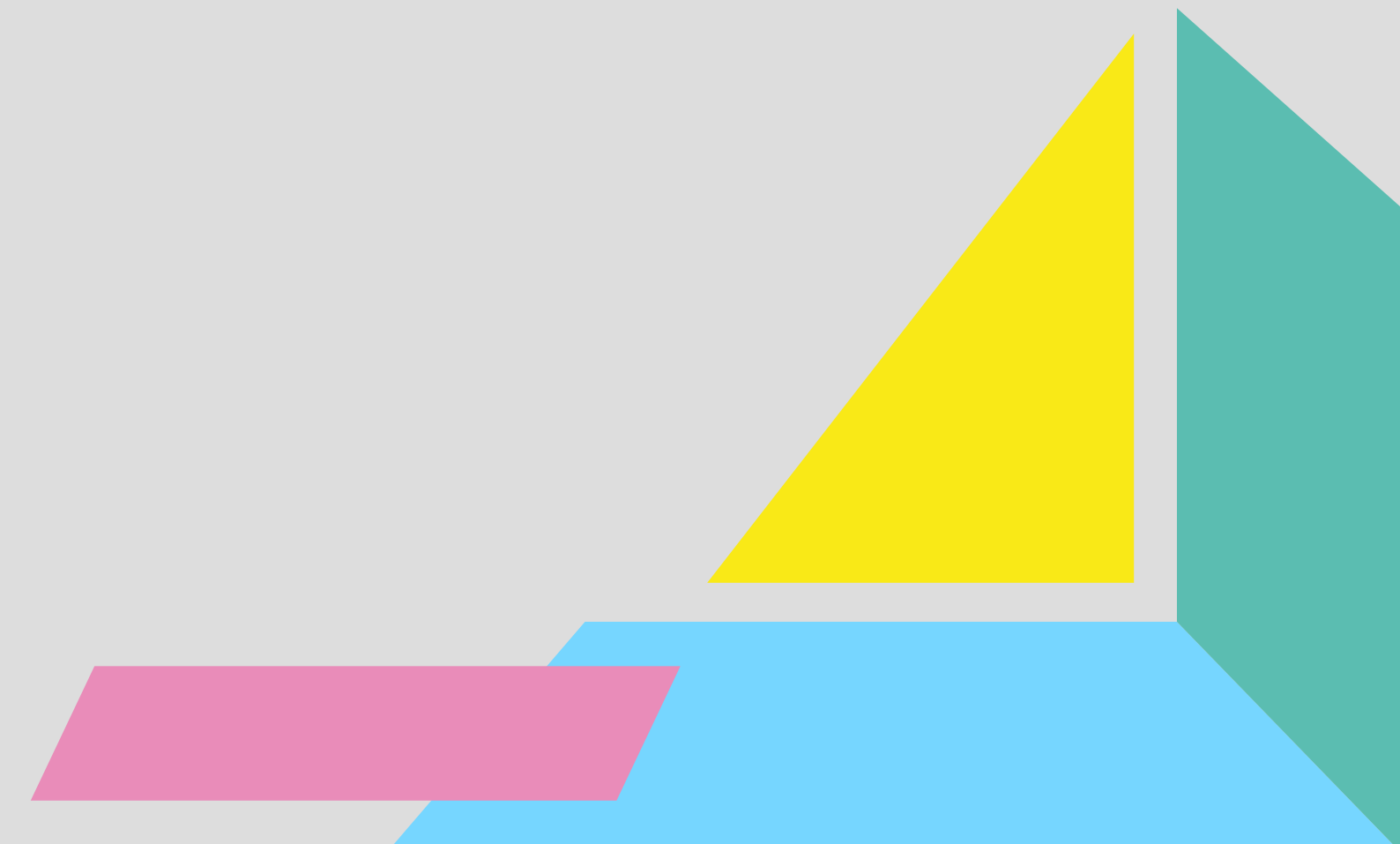
The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.



Psalm 147 v3

God has helped the grief-stricken

“He heals the broken-hearted
and binds up their wounds.”

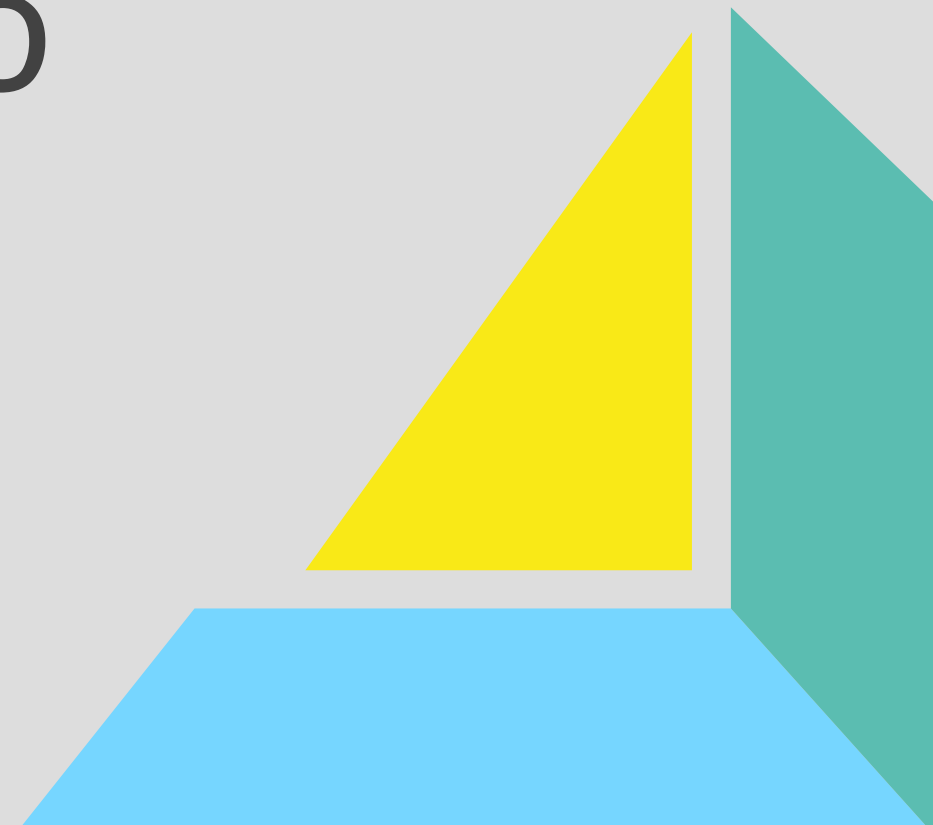


Psalm 147 v4–5

God has created stupendous vastness

“He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.”



Psalm 147 v6–9

**God sustains, provides, supplies,
humbles and casts down.**

“The Lord sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Lord with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp. He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.”



Psalm 147 v20b

All that God is, and has done,
results in joyful worship

“Praise the Lord!”



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1 Chronicles 15:16

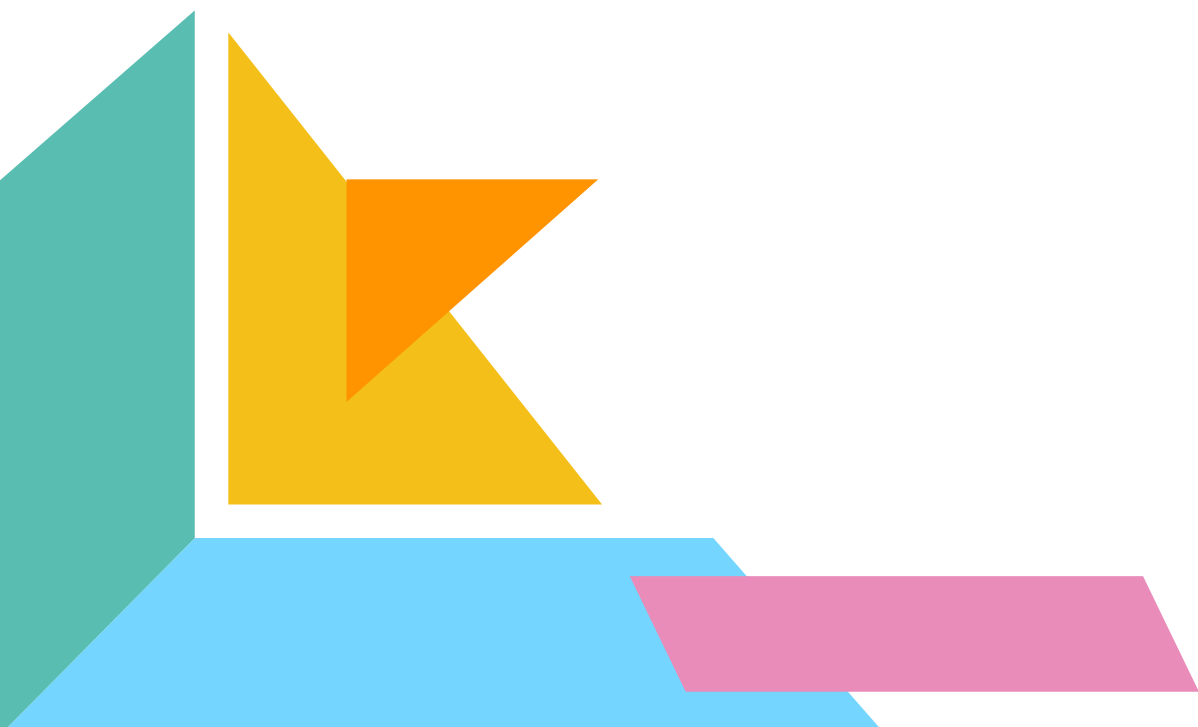
"David told the leaders of the Levites to appoint their fellow Levites as musicians to make a joyful sound with musical instruments: lyres, harps and cymbals."



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1 Chronicles 15:22

“Kenaniah the head Levite
was in charge of the singing;
that was his responsibility
because he was skilful at it.”





Steve Thompson
Berakah Music

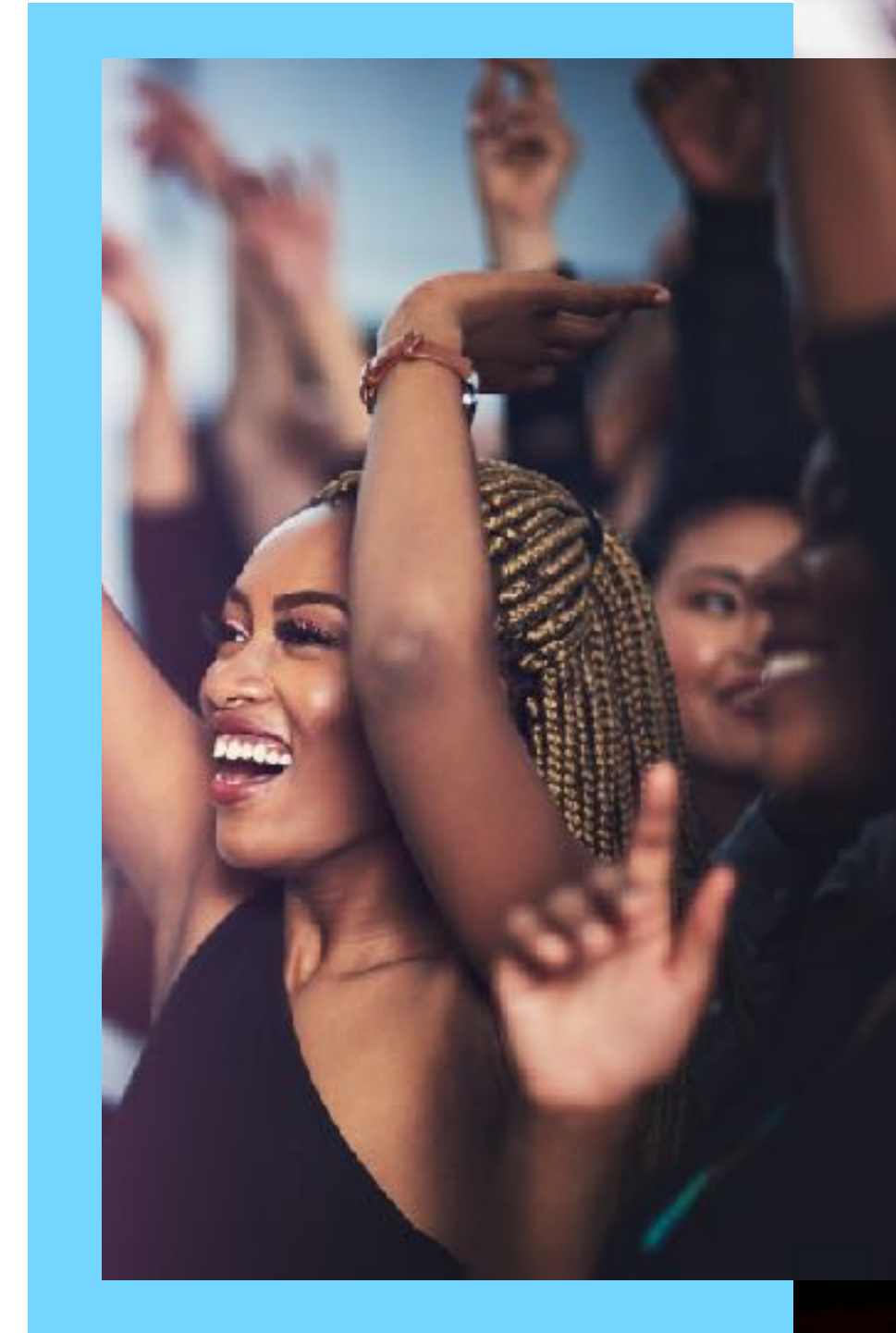
“Sung worship is not ornamental; it is formational and catalytic. God often chooses melody as a vehicle for truth because song bypasses mere cognition and takes root in the affections.”



SUNG WORSHIP IS GOOD FOR US

- ‘A mega-Mechanism for Bonding: Why singing together does us good’ by Ian Sample
 - ‘Resonance in recovery: group singing as a mechanism for collective narrative repair, emotional integration, and post-traumatic growth’ by Yichang Liu
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The primary reason
worship is so enjoyable
is because we are
rejoicing in our
salvation.





EXODUS 15:20-21

²⁰ Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women followed her, with tambourines and dancing. ²¹ Miriam sang to them:

‘Sing to the Lord,
for he is highly exalted.
Both horse and driver
he has hurled into the sea.’