

A Guide to Resources in Worship

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This pathfinder for Worship is based on resources that can be found in the Michigan Theological Seminary Library as well as on selected web sites. This guide is intended to assist the researcher in initial research on worship. The MTS Library has a wealth of other resources in this field of study. Please visit the library during open hours or contact the library staff at (734) 207-9581 x-323 for further assistance.

- BV 15 .E93 Basden, Paul, ed. *Exploring the Worship Spectrum: Six Views* (2004).
A debate between six different viewpoints: formal-liturgical worship, traditional hymn-based worship, contemporary worship, charismatic worship, blended worship, and emerging worship.
- BV 10.2 .B32 Basden, Paul. *The Worship Maze: Finding A Style To Fit Your Church*. (1999).
A guide to knowing your own personal church body and the process of figuring out the best style and/or combination of styles to be most relevant for your church.
- BV 15 .W65 Carson, D.A., ed. *Worship: Adoration and Action*. (1993).
A good theological study of Christian worship in the past and present. Put together by an international group of scholars, this book offers viewpoints from a variety of denominations and backgrounds.
- BV 173 .N49 Davis, J.G., ed. *The Westminster Dictionary of Worship*. (1972).
A reference book of theological terms used in worship studies. Provides background knowledge and seeks to relate historical trends with worship trends today.
- BV 15 .D38 Dawn, Marva J. *Reaching Out Without Dumbing Down: A Theology for this Urgent Time*. (1995).
Book about being relevant without watering down the message of the Gospel.
- BV 10.3 .W67 Dearborn, Tim A. & Scott Coil. *Worship At The Next Level: Insight From Contemporary Voices*. (2004).
Discusses the new movements in worship style and taking corporate worship to a deeper level.
- BV 15 .F73 Frame, John. *Worship in Spirit and Truth*. (1996).
This fresh, practical study on worship throws light on questions concerning worship content, music, atmosphere, structure, and recent trends.
- BV 15 .K48 Kimball, Dan. *Emerging Worship*. (2004).
A practical book on worship forms written from an emerging church point of view.

- BV 15. K734 Kraeuter, Tom. *Worship is ... What?*. (1996).
A little book that will challenge your preconceived ideas of worship.
Helps get back to the foundations of Christian worship.
- BV 15 .M67 Morganthaler, Sally. *Worship Evangelism*. (1995).
Argues that worship and evangelism can work together and describes how
this can take place in the church.
- BR 115 .C8 C495 Sweet & Crouch, eds. *The Church in Emerging Culture*. (2003).
Five progressive views on how the church should interact with
contemporary culture.
- BV 15 .O95 Wainwright, Geoffrey, and Karen Tucker, eds. *The Oxford History
of Christian Worship*. (2006).
A huge reference work giving a comprehensive history of Christian
worship covering the entire geographic reach of Christianity. Put together
by an international roster of experts. Contains hundreds of photographs
and illustrations.
- BV 15 .W4 Webber, Robert. *Worship Old & New*. (1994).
Gives the biblical foundations for worship, basic theology of worship, and
a brief history of worship from the Old Testament until today. Advocates
the blended use of many worship styles for churches today.
- BV 15 .W39 Webber, Robert. *Worship is a Verb*. (1985).
Reminds us that worship is something we do for God, not something done
for us. Excellent for small group use; comes with study guide.
- BV 10.2 .W75 Wright, N.T. *For All God's Worth: True Worship and the Calling of
the Church*. (1997).
Seeing worship as a way of life and the role of the Church in the worship
of God.

Online Resources

- www.calvin.edu/worship The Calvin Institute of Christian Worship aims to promote the
scholarly study of the theology, history, and practice of Christian worship
and the renewal of worship in churches today.
- www.ccli.com Copyright information for songs and videos.
- www.christiancollages.com Large amount of high-quality, inexpensive Power Point backgrounds
for worship.
- www.gbod.org/worship McIntyre, Dean. "Music and Worship Style Wars: A Matter of
Taste".
Author is director of music resources for the General Board of
Discipleship.
- www.purposedriven.com Sylvia, Ron. "Determining Your Worship Style". (2007).
Authored by founding pastor of Church at the Springs in Ocala, Fla.
- www.wcg.org Tkach, Joseph. "Why Our Worship Style Is Changing". (1996).
Deals with the process of style changing with the culture.
- www.worship.net Worship-based Christian community for spiritual resources, online Bible
study, prayer and praise reports, and video devotionals.
- www.worshipleader.com For worship leaders. Includes online magazine with articles written by
other worship leaders.