

A Worship Minute...by Dr. John Fonville

The good news of Christ's great deliverance tunes the heart to sing. Martin Luther stated, "*For God has cheered our hearts and minds through His dear Son, whom He gave for us to redeem us from sin, death and the devil. He who believes this earnestly cannot be quiet about it. But he must gladly and willingly sing.*" Christ has purchased a great salvation for His people and those who have come to experience it are compelled (i.e: Gospel-driven) to sing! Luther taught that the Gospel gives rise to strong, powerful affections for Christ, or as he put it, an explosion in the soul. And it is music that gives sounding form to this explosion!

Keep the conversation going: If you were to write a thank you letter to the person who introduced you to Jesus, or was most influential to your faith development, what would it say? (*Connect with one of the children or youth after the service, or during the week!*)