## Notes & Quotes:

Next to the word of God music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through music. – Martin Luther 1483—1546.

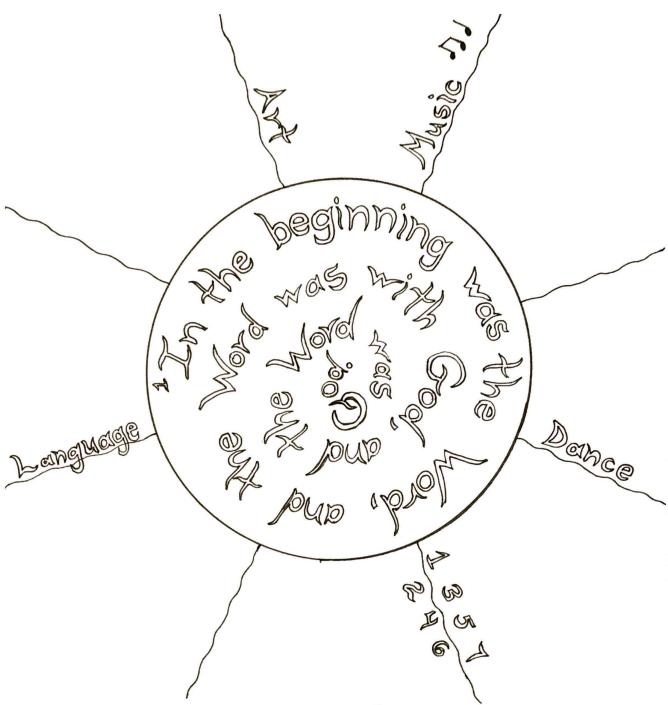
You know what music is? God's little reminder that there's something else besides us in this universe, harmonic connection between all living beings, everywhere, even the stars. -- Robin Williams 1951 - 2021.

There are about 5,400 animal species that make complex, intentional, repeatable, musical vocalizations. That is, there are about 5,400 species that sing. The majority live in trees, a few live in the oceans, a very few live underground, but there is only one singing species that lives on the ground: -- us.

Another thing: humans are the only singing species with a precise and shared sense of rhythm, which is what allows us to sing together. Two birds might sing the same song, but they cannot sing it together.

Another thing: if a roomful of people sings at the same time, they start to breathe at the same time as well. Some studies suggest that if the drumbeat or bass line is strong enough, their hearts will begin to beat together, too. And if we're singing together and our hearts beating together, then its like we're one body. And you know Whose body it is. - Quinn Caldwell - contemporary UCC pastor and author of "Sing".

With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God – Colossians 3: 12-17.



2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

-John 1:1-5