

When thinking about the meaning of heart language, the worship team would like to explore both our own individual heart language, and also that of our community. What draws our community closer to God? What inspires our congregation to worship like King David did? In Psalm 145 (NIV), King David declares:

The LORD is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.

The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises  
and faithful in all he does.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways  
and faithful in all he does.

My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.  
Let every creature praise his holy name  
for ever and ever.

In 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (CEV), Paul talks about the importance of working together as a community.

**12** The body of Christ has many different parts, just as any other body does. **15** Suppose a foot says, "I'm not a hand, and so I'm not part of the body." Wouldn't the foot still belong to the body? **16** Or suppose an ear says, "I'm not an eye, and so I'm not part of the body." Wouldn't the ear still belong to the body? **17** If our bodies were only an eye, we couldn't hear a thing. And if they were only an ear, we

couldn't smell a thing. **18** But God has put all parts of our body together in the way that he decided is best.

As we move forward in discovering our own individual heart language, we are excited about finding others within our community who share our same passion. In just a minute, we are going to watch a 5-minute video that talks about the whole concept of heart language within a community setting.

To describe the concept of worship within a community, the video uses the word ethnodoxology (eth-no-dox-ology). In a nutshell, ethnodoxology is the field of study that explores how culture can help shape or impact worship.

Each church has their own vibe or style or worship. For example, some churches thrive on extensive liturgy and very traditional hymns. Others are exuberant, incorporating lots of clapping and dancing during worship. Some churches place a strong emphasis on serving or worshiping within small groups.

As we watch the video, think about the following questions: Who are we as a church? What makes our church tick? Who do we want to become?