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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Immediately after its special praise chapel on April 16, Cedarville University's HeartSong Ministries released its newest album, "Reign in Us," adding to its significant collection of favorite Cedarville compilations. HeartSong is composed of four traveling bands that promote the work of the Gospel in teenagers' lives across the country. They also speak about the educational and musical opportunities available at the University.

The inspiration for this year's album title comes from the idea that we need to surrender our lives to God so that He can use us. "Our mission statement, essentially, is that we desire to portray for others the livable reality of the Gospel in all that we do," said Grant McCurdy, a senior worship major who oversaw much of the album-creation process this year. "I think the idea of God reigning in us, God ruling our lives, should be easily visible in our lives."

The process of producing a new album each year involves an enormous amount of time, talent and effort. Jim Cato, the executive director of HeartSong Ministries, decides on the songs around November and December, and the team members each listen to the selections over Christmas break so they can begin practicing when they return. The recording sessions are intensive, involving as many as 50 hours per week for some members.

Sophomore Aleska Barkoviak, a HeartSong vocalist, expressed excitement for the recent release. “I know that God is going to use this in a big way and I truly believe that it will change hearts and lives,” she said.

During the summer, HeartSong visits dozens of churches and schools across the nation, performing and ministering to congregations, campers and high school students. They also minister several weekends during the school year. There are four teams of vocalists and instrumentalists this year, each composed of eight members.

According to McCurdy, “We want everything we do to be of the Gospel, demonstrating that the good news of Jesus Christ has an impact and an effect on every area of our lives.”

You can purchase “Reign in Us” at the University bookstore for \$15 or on [iTunes](#) for \$10. Other recent albums, such as [HeartSong Cathedral](#), are also available online. To book a HeartSong event at your church or summer camp, visit the HeartSong Ministries’ [website](#).

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