



# LIFT UP U UNIVERSITY

## Who is LifeThirst & Lift Up U Founder, Laura Kaczor? (kuh-ZOR)

**Laura Kaczor** was born & raised in Pennsylvania and began singing at 8-years-old at a neighbor's tap recital. At age 10 she was moved to write her first song, dedicating it to her neighbor who was dying of breast cancer. At age 14 she began voice lessons with Susan Dash and soon became active in theater & music programs at both church & school, while learning piano, guitar, violin, & flute.

Being raised in a Christian home, Laura has had a personal relationship with Christ since the age of 6, but her faith was deepened at age 17 when she attended Creation Festival and first experienced contemporary worship. Worship soon became her heart's passion, and it was at that very moment she knew she wanted to pursue music ministry as her life's calling.

During her college years at the University of Pennsylvania, Laura performed in Full Measure, UPENN's Christian a Capella group, and had two songs featured on their album. She led worship for Campus Crusade for Christ and seriously started writing songs while serving as the worship leader for 7 years at Jesus Fest (a quarterly event which drew 1000s & united all ages from 150 churches & youth groups). During this time, Laura wrote & recorded her first album, [Wake Me Up](#).

After graduating from college, Laura moved to Nashville in 2006 and recorded an EP [Wildflowers](#) with John Carter Cash (son of Johnny & June Carter Cash) at the Cash Cabin Studios in 2007. Three years later, she released [Love Enough](#), produced & co-written by 6-time Dove Award winner Don Koch and distributed nationally through Universal Music Christian Group. Laura enjoyed her first hit song [Alive in You](#), which reached #17 on the Billboard Chart and remained in the Top 20 for 11 weeks. She was named a Top 10 new female Christian singer by [NewReleaseToday](#) in 2012 and soon was featured in CCM Magazine, The Harvest Show, The Good Life, & more.

Laura's fourth album [Restore Me](#), with all original songs (some co-written with Amy Lewis Strother), was released in 2015 and produced by multi-Dove Award Winning Producer, Ian Eskelin (Francesca Battistelli, Sidewalk Prophets). She has to her credit 6 Top 20-25 Billboard Chart hit singles, plus a #5 in the UK. The [Restore Me](#) album was produced during the difficult & faith-building time of her son Samuel's open-heart surgery to repair a large hole in his heart. Laura was both humbled & strengthened through desperate prayer, and Samuel is now thriving & well on his way as a joyful disciple of Christ. After another difficult pregnancy, she & her husband Kelly were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Sophie, who shares her mother's love & gift for singing. Her family is forever grateful to the Lord for His faithful presence.

In recent years, Laura's songs have been heard on hundreds of radio stations nationally & internationally in 11 countries. Having led worship for thousands over the last decade, Laura & her husband Kelly founded the national [LifeThirst & Lift Up U Conference & Concert Ministry](#) that has toured the country with worship music & speakers since 2010. They are united in their heart's quest to bring salvation, restoration, transformation, & revival to a generation through the unconditional love of Jesus Christ and the knowledge of who they are in Him.

For complete Bio, music, videos and more info visit websites below.

***God is the "LIFTER" of your head. "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt... I have broken the bars of your yoke, and enabled you to walk with your head held high." Lev. 26:13***

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