

## **HYMN SING 6/9/19**

### **WELCOME TO THE CHOIR!**

**In looking for a new angle to present our hymn sing this year, I came across a book titled “Your Ministry of Singing in the Church Choir” by Roger Deschner and I realized that congregation equals choir -**

**Think about it – we are all part of the choir –**

**A choir is a community**

**A choir is a body**

**It is an ensemble that is mutually sensitive to each member, yet together acts in the name of Jesus Christ.**

**That describes all of us, doesn't it? So yes, we are the choir, not just today but every Sunday.**

**Every week we come together and sing as one body.**

**John Wesley encouraged everyone to sing – to be a part of those gathered in worship – that we should know a group of hymns by memory – on June 30<sup>th</sup>, Hymn Sing Part II, we will experiment and try singing a favorite hymn – picked by you – with our eyes closed to feel the hymn. There will be a sign up sheet down stairs to vote on which hymn.**

**Martin Luther said he “had no use for cranks who despise music, because it’s a gift of God.”**

**He went on to declare “next after theology, I give music the highest place and the greatest honor.”**

**To quote Roger Deschner: “God moves people and creates new stirrings in their lives through the medium of our music.”**

**He goes on to say “It is God who makes our music have the power of prophecy; God uses our music as revelation; God gives our music the power to move and change; God, indeed, makes our musical offerings sacred. Therefore, seek God’s word, love, and power in all that you sing, for yourself . . . and for the whole congregation.**

**So on this Pentecost – the birth of the church – let us offer our voices joyfully as we sing some of our favorite hymns.**