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# ♫ CHORAL NOTES ♫

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## Sixteenth Notes

- ♫ What a moving experience we had on Memorial Day weekend, presenting John Rutter's *Requiem* in memory of those who fell in service to our nation. Thank you for all your hard work and the beautiful music you made that touched many very deeply. Thanks also to the Fiedlers and Muellers who helped with the Festival Choir brunch. DVD recordings of the 8:30 a.m. worship service are available at the *Info Window*.
- ♫ Great food, fun and fellowship was had at the Crossroads musicians' **Memorial Day Picnic**. Grillmeister John Knecht sure cooked up a storm, with special thanks to Chad Mueller for an emergency gas tank exchange run!
- ♫ Additional thanks to the **Chancel Choir**, who wrapped up their singing season with a beautiful arrangement of "Holy, Holy, Holy" and music for Pentecost. The **Chamber Singers** sing Haydn and more Rutter in June, and the brand new **Summer Choir** opportunity for families sings well-known patriotic selections in July (see below)! Rehearsals and titles are listed on the calendar on the next page/reverse.
- ♫ Celebrating summer "**Happy Birthdays!**" are Carol Leonard (June 10), Tim Doedens (June 15), John Knecht (June 22), Karla Hare (July 25), Bill Ross (July 25), and Allison Mills (July 28).
- ♫ We are missing the following nine black **choir folders** from the wooden cabinet: 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 11, 17, 23 and 24. Please return these and any outstanding festival music binders immediately for inventory purposes.
- ♫ A second annual ecumenical performance of **Handel's Messiah** is being planned for Friday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 5 at 3:00 p.m. Choir rehearsals (for up to 100 singers!) will be on Monday nights in October and November from 7–9 p.m. at Stony Hills Presbyterian in Germantown, directed again by Brian Dearing of Grace Lutheran in Thiensville. Stay tuned...Crossroads is being considered as a performance venue!

## Sing in the Summer Choir!

Has the thought that the Crossroads choirs won't be singing again until September already begun to get you down? Well, fret no more...we are planning a fabulous Summer Choir opportunity next month! Come for an hour-long rehearsal (or three) at the end of June, and then sing at a pair of patriotic summer services at the beginning of July. All ages and abilities are welcome to come, and entire families are encouraged to join the fun and fellowship. Director Mrs. O. is sure to add some sparkle and fervor to your voices and heart—hope you can make it! Rehearse on June 24 at 8:00 p.m., June 27 at 10:30 a.m., and June 30 at 6:30 p.m. to sing in worship on July 1 at 7:00 p.m. and July 4 at 9:30 a.m.



## June Psalm of the Month

**Psalm 19** tells of God's glory in creation and the law, concluding with a humble prayer (NRSV):

The  
**HEAVENS**  
declare the  
glory of God;  
the  
**Skies**  
proclaim the work  
of his  
**HANDS**  
Psalm 19:1

*<sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. <sup>2</sup>Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. <sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; <sup>4</sup>yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens He has set a tent for the sun, <sup>5</sup>which comes out like a bridegroom from His wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. <sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.*

*<sup>7</sup>The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup>the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup>the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.*

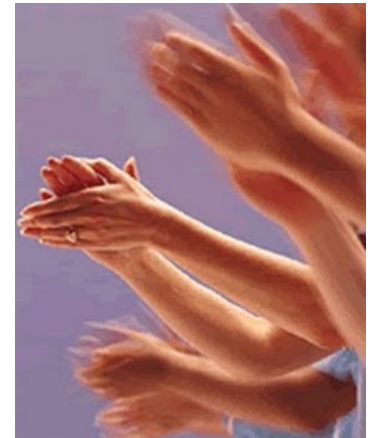
<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup>Moreover by them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. <sup>12</sup>But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. <sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to You, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.


### July Psalm of the Month

Riding on the heels of “God is our refuge and strength” and “Be still and know that I am God” in Psalm 46, the joyful **Psalm 47** extols the one great God who—while giving us a great heritage—is king over all peoples and nations (NRSV):

- <sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.
- <sup>2</sup>For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.
- <sup>3</sup>He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.
- <sup>4</sup>He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom He loves.
- <sup>5</sup>God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
- <sup>6</sup>Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- <sup>7</sup>For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.
- <sup>8</sup>God is king over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.
- <sup>9</sup>The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.  
For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted.



### SUMMER 2010 CHOIR CALENDAR (Chancel Choir in bold; subject to change)

Sunday Services (unless noted otherwise); Chancel Choir 10:15 a.m. call time in music room for 11:00 a.m. services	Thursday Evening Rehearsals in music room
Click on <a href="#">underlined titles</a> to access free online sound clips!	Thursday, June 3 7:00–8:30 Chamber Singers 7:00–8:30 Chancel Orchestra (upstage sanctuary)
June 6 Chancel Orchestra at 11:00 a.m. service 	Tuesday, June 8 Thursday, June 10 7:00–8:30 Chamber Singers both nights
June 13 Chamber Singers at 11:00 a.m. service “ <a href="#">The Heavens Are Telling</a> ” (Haydn’s <i>Creation</i> ) “ <a href="#">Secure</a> ” (Susan Bentall Boersma/Craig Courtney) “ <a href="#">God Be in My Head</a> ” (John Rutter) [ <a href="#">MIDI practice parts</a> ]	Summer Choir Rehearsals Thursday, June 24 from 8:00–9:00 p.m. Sunday, June 27 from 10:30–11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 30 from 6:30–7:30 p.m. ( <i>new time!</i> )
Thursday, July 1 at 7:00 p.m. service Sunday, July 4 at 9:30 a.m. service Summer Choir to sing at both services “God Bless America” (Irving Berlin, arr. Keith Christopher) “This Is My Song” (using “ <a href="#">Be Still, My Soul</a> ” arr. Mack Wilberg) “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” (Julia Ward Howe) “America the Beautiful” (Hymnal #564)	<i>Regular Thursday evening Chancel Choir rehearsals resume on September 2! Hope to see you there!</i>

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