About the Choir's Hymns Today: O Christ, the Healer

Lyrics: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) | Harmony: J.S. Bach (1685-1750) Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR from Joseph Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

Reverend Fred Pratt Green is one of the best-known contemporary British hymnwriters. Originally from Liverpool, Rev. Green worked as a British Methodist pastor and district superintendent. He spent most of his ministry career in Brighton and York, followed by his last post in Norwich. F. Pratt Green stated in 1971 that he intended to write new hymns that could, "fill the gap between the hymns of the first part of this century and the 'far-out' compositions that have crowded into some churches in the last decade or more." Rev. Green's hymns appear in practically every new hymnal and supplement wherever English is spoken and sung. His works have also been published in poetry magazines and anthologies. According to Hymnary.org, he wrote over a hundred hymn texts; eleven are included in our hymnal, *Glory to God.* His hymns have been translated into Arabic, French, German, Mandarin, Malayalam, Portuguese, and Spanish. The full text for "O Christ, the Healer" can be read at #793 in our hymnal.

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

Lyrics: Michael Morgan (b. 1948) | Tune: DIX by Conrad Kocher (1786-1872) Arranger: William Henry Monk (1823-1889) | Harmony: *The English Hymnal*, 1906

This familiar tune, DIX, is most often associated with the hymn, "For the Beauty of the Earth." It was first composed by German musician Conrad Kocher around 1838. Kocher moved to St. Petersburg, Russia at the age of seventeen to work as a tutor, but his love for the music of Haydn and Mozart drew him back to Germany to work as a musician. The Cotta music firm which published his works sent him to study music in Italy; there he became enthralled with the works of Palestrina. Upon his return to Germany, Kocher founded the School for Sacred Song in Stuttgart, which popularized four-part singing in the churches of that area. He served as organist and choir director at Stiftskirche in Stuttgart (1827-65), wrote a treatise on church music, compiled a large volume of chorales, and composed many pieces including an oratorio, two operas, and some sonatas. British composer William Henry Monk wrote the version of the tune DIX that we in the English-speaking world are accustomed to singing. William Monk is best known as the editor of Hymns Ancient and Modern. He served as organist and choirmaster at King's College (1847) and at St. Matthias (1852-89). Monk composed over fifty hymn tunes and edited The Scottish Hymnal (1872).

Church musician and Psalm scholar Michael Morgan wrote our anthem lyrics. He resides in Atlanta and serves as Organist Emeritus for Central Presbyterian Church; he is also the Seminary Musician at Columbia Theological Seminary. He has published at least thirty-six hymn texts, mostly Psalm settings; twelve are included in our hymnal. Morgan is an alumnus of Florida State University and Atlanta University. This setting of the 66th Psalm has only been published in one hymnal thus far, *Glory to God*; it can be found at #54.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad

Monday October 13 PW Evening Circle 7pm Tuesday October 14 Handbells 5:00pm

Ladies Dinner 6:00pm

Session 6:30pm

Wednesday October 15 Youth 6:00pm
Thursday October 16 Bible Study 10:30am

Choir 4:30pm

Saturday October 18 Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am

The Evening Circle will met at the home of Karan Johnson on October 13th at 7pm. Joyce Perez is the leader of the Bible study and discussion. Call 799-5662 if you need directions or have any questions.

SERVING TODAY

Minister of Discipleship Jackson Weller

Music Director Ashley Stanley-Robey

Sound Eddie Blount
Video Alex Walthall
Liturgist Kathy Dolianitis
Greeter Barbara Wilkins
Side door/Offering Gail Jones

List of Session members

Class of 2025: David Clark, Sam Meadema, Eddie Blount, Jackie Rochford Class of 2026: Barry Cutright, Gail Jones, Kim Wimer, Ava Barrett Class of 2027: Barbara Wilkins, Joan Reynolds, Pat Pinckney, Kent Shelton Trustees: Bob Newnam(27), Ray Beale(26), Gary Wimer(25)

BUDGET UPDATE

	September 1-30	FY 2025
Contributions	\$57,095.31	\$335,139.66
Expenditures	\$48,200.37	\$326,295.01
Difference	\$ 8.894.94	\$ 8.844.65

If you enter the hospital, your church will have no way of knowing unless you notify us. Please let us know of your hospital stay so that we may respond with pastoral care.

A Warm Welcome

We would love to have you join our church family. If you are moved to do so by the Lord, please talk to one of the elders or our pastor.

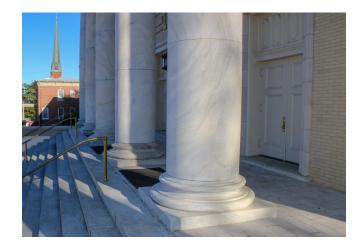
The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Rebecca's grandparents, Lawrence G. "Lefty" Wilson, Gr. and Mary Rebecca Denny Wilson by Rebecca and Chris Moore.

THE COLUMNS OF THE

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A Service for the Worship of God GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad to them.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS
MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP
CHORAL INTROIT "O Christ, the Healer"

Fred Pratt Green/ Klug's Geistliche Lieder, 1543; harmony by J.S. Bach

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 66)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

People: Sing to the glory of God's name.

Leader: All of creation worships, singing praise to

God.

People: Sing to the glory of God's name.

Leader: Let us give glory to God.

INVOCATION

Lord, we come before You with humble hearts, recognizing that we are nothing without You. Help us to lay aside any pride or self-righteousness and approach You with open hearts. May we be receptive to Your Word and open to the work of Your Holy Spirit in our lives. Teach us to serve You with humility and grace. Amen.

*HYMN#716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on 2 Timothy)

Holy God, When we are in need, we cry out for your mercy and healing. Yet, we confess that too often, we are confident in our own strength. We take the blessings to which we feel entitled and continue on our way, rather than returning to you in worship and praise. Jesus, have mercy on us! It is easy to take for granted the ease of life we so often experience, while failing to question why others are pushed to the margins and excluded. Jesus, have mercy on us! Help us to grow in compassion for all people. Redirect our paths so that we return to you, offering our praise and gratitude, now and always. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (based on 2 Timothy)

The saying is sure: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. We are clothed with the righteousness of Christ. Our sin is forgiven! Thanks be to God.

SIGNS OF RECONCILIATION

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

Leader: Let us the children of God, having confessed our sins and been reconciled to God, having been assured of God's graciousness and mercy, stand and offer that same peace and reconciliation to our brothers and sisters in Christ, forgiving each other and offering grace and peace.

Please remain standing for the "Gloria Patri."

*RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Every good gift comes from God. We are invited to respond in gratitude, giving freely and generously, just as we have received.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy and generous God, use the gifts we bring for healing and reconciliation in the world, to the glory of your name. Amen.

OFFERTORY "God of the Sparrow"

Jaroslav J. Vajda/Carl F. Schalk

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM "Make a Joyful Noise to God!" (Psalm 66), Michael Morgan/Conrad Kocher, arr. W.H. Monk

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Wisdom, By the power of your Holy Spirit, open us to receive your Word today. Lead us in wisdom and courage as we seek to follow Jesus, in whose name we pray, amen.

SCRIPTURE:	(589/557)	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
	(273/263)	2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15
	(780/741)	Luke 17:11-19

SERMON "The Unexpected" Jackson Weller

*HYMN#610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

POSTLUDE "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"
Thomas J. Williams/Setting by Jason W. Krug

*BENEDICTION

*Please stand if able.