

# ANNOUNCING A NEW OUTREACH HYMN CHOIR

## AFFILIATED WITH THE PEORIA AREA CIVIC CHORALE

**What:** Ensemble of singers (sopranos-altos-tenors-basses) from Central Illinois who would enjoy singing 4-part hymns at senior retirement communities.

**Who:** Singers with choral ensemble experience (e.g., church or civic). Membership in the Peoria Area Civic Chorale is not required. No audition required either, however, there are two requirements since no rehearsals are planned. (1) Singers must be able to self-learn selected hymns and (2), singers must be able to sing well enough to make a positive contribution to the sound of the ensemble.

**When:** TBA but most likely a couple of times each month. Perhaps on occasion, e.g., once a year, we might all gather for a hymn sing at one of the area churches.

**Where:** Singing Senior Retirement Communities

**Why:** Musical outreach and service to the community

**Commitment:** This is not meant to be a burden on anyone's time. When an opportunity arises, a mass mailing will go out to all participant singers to see who is available. From the response to that email, an appropriately sized SATB ensemble will be organized and announced to all hymn choir participants listed on the full roster. That notice will also include date, time and location of the performance. As request arise, the intention will be to rotate singers in the ensembles to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to be active. If you're not available to sing on a day that an opportunity arises, no big deal.

At this time I'd like only to collect names of interested participants in an effort to see if there are enough singers available to make this idea viable. Please help me promote this idea by sharing this information with your singer-friends. Those interested, or wishing more information, should contact Dr. Joe Henry directly at [jdhenrydma91@gmail.com](mailto:jdhenrydma91@gmail.com)

**Core Repertory:** *Come Thou Font of Every Blessing; How Great Thou Art; Great is Thy Faithfulness; This is My Father's World; The Wonder of it All; Fairest Lord Jesus; Love Divine, All Loves Excelling; Tell Me the Story of Jesus; What Wondrous Love is This; When I Survey the Wondrous Cross; The Old Rugged Cross; Calvary Covers it All; There Is Power in the Blood; There is a Fountain; Wonderful Grace of Jesus; Amazing Grace; There is a Redeemer; Holy, Holy, Holy; Standing on the Promises; How Firm a Foundation; I Love to Tell the Story; Blessed Assurance; Leaning on the Everlasting Arms; Be Thou My Vision; There is a Balm in Gilead; Tell Me the Old, Old Story; I Need the Every Hour; He Leadeth Me; It is Well with My Soul; When We All Get to Heaven; I'll Fly Away and America the Beautiful.*

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