Devotion, Week of October 25, 2026

Rev. Jeanne Simpson

On Sunday evening, our choir got to sing some incredible hymns and hymn-based anthems with 4 other churches: Morrow Presbyterian, Morrow First Methodist, Jonesboro First Methodist, and First Baptist Morrow. Three of the choir directors sang solos, and I proudly boast that Xavier's rendition of "How Great Thou Art" just about brought the congregation to its feet. It was a wonderful time for about 50 people to sing together. We all have smaller choirs in our home churches, so singing with a large group is a real blessing. Dr. Richard Bell of First Baptist Morrow picked great hymns and each director supplied an anthem. Grant Jones provided a piano solo and as usual, provided great accompaniment. We are indeed blessed to be near Clayton State University with its music program and awesome talent. Staff and students add to the richness of our church musical offerings.

When people sing together, I'm told that our heartbeats get in sync. Isn't that marvelous? We truly become unified in our expression of tone and voice, with one common underlying heart rhythm. That to me is why God has us sing – not just to his glory, but as a community of worship. The beloved community in fact becomes a community of musical praise and honor to the one who made us and gifted us with the ability to sing. As we approach Thanksgiving and Advent, let us sing those good traditional hymns with strong voices and grateful hearts.

Jeanne