

**Choir corner**  
**Week 4**

This week we consider the diversity and varied experience among choir members: **Who are we and where have we come from?**

- “When I decided to move on after 25-plus years of barbershop singing in choruses and quartets, I was hoping to find a singing organization that required much less travel and a very small time commitment. Christ the King Singers was a match.”
- “We are a group ranging from teenagers to social security recipients. Our individual abilities together form a musical unit which we are so happy to share.”
- “When I was 12 I was kind of deciding to move away from [youth] choir and not do it anymore. Bill Thomas asked me to join the adult choir and I couldn’t say no. I was very welcomed, even though at the time I was the youngest member of the choir. The group has helped me to get more into music, which is the main reason I love it so much, and it has helped me to build my voice which has lead to my being a part of the Lyme/Old Lyme High School Select Singers group.”
- “I grew up in small suburban town in Maryland and attended church at Towson Presbyterian. We didn’t have communion every Sunday, but we did worship Christ through song and prayer, and that is how my faith deepened. As I got older, I got involved in our youth choir. Later, when I got married, I converted to Catholicism and we set out to find a church that would allow me to worship in song, as it was so important to my journey in faith. The first time you played ‘Lift High the Cross,’ I honestly wept with joy of finding a home.”
- “My musical background includes some piano lessons and growing up with older siblings who were into the folk music of the '60s. In high school I joined the glee club and had my first experience singing with a group. After that I only sang with my children, in the shower or car, or while cleaning the house! I could go on but I think you get my message that I love singing with CTK choir and am so very glad I joined.”
- “I struggle with a number of issues that the church is involved in, but having been brought up Catholic I think it’s an integral part of who I am. And I couldn’t continue being a Catholic if it was an empty experience. Singing in the choir is my door to finding that meaning.”