

## **Chalice Choir**

Report to the 1U Annual Congregational Meeting – May 19, 2019  
Respectfully submitted by Aubrey Connelly-Candelario, Choir Director,  
on behalf of the Chalice Choir

The Chalice Choir has a roster of 32 singers with an average of 20 singers attending weekly rehearsals on Wednesday nights from 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The full Chalice Choir sings regularly each month at the first and third Sunday services as well as for special occasions such as Christmas Eve services, weddings, memorial services, ordinations, etc.

The Chalice Choir sings year round with a short break from July 3 to July 21.

The Chalice Choir's mission is to provide the congregation with a variety of diverse choral music throughout the year. To that end, this year the choir has performed traditional English choral music, gospel music, Broadway tunes, American pop music, Hindu chants, traditional folk songs in Japanese and Chinese, Latin hymns, Christmas tunes, Spanish language hymns, and a song in the Cherokee language.

Tamara Musni is the piano accompanist for the Chalice Choir. The choir has partnered with other musicians throughout the year for special performances including Paul Herrick, Cammie Horne, and Mike Haddad. The Chalice Choir has also joined with the members of Welkin and the Folk Ensemble this year to present special music including Rev. Kathy's farewell, Christmas Eve, The All Music Service, and the Labor Day service.

The Chalice Choir sponsors a small women's ensemble, A Chordia. A Chordia rehearses intermittently throughout the year for 30 to 45 minutes before the regular choir rehearsal begins on Wednesday nights. Currently A Chordia is on hiatus and will resume rehearsals in August. The mission of A Chordia is to be a women's a cappella ensemble that provides more opportunities for interested singers to engage in complicated a cappella choral works outside of Chalice choir. They perform for several services each year including Christmas Eve.