I’m grateful that before this time of physical-distancing, that Pullen’s Youth Choir had the opportunity to travel to Myrtle Beach for its annual Festival By the Sea. Other adults from Pullen also travel to Myrtle Beach annually to enjoy fellowship and attend the festival’s concluding worship service. Though the Youth Choir, leaders, chaperons and friends had a fun and energizing time together, little did we know how precious the experience of singing with 300 other voices would be.

To keep a song among us this week, and to share this experience with you, I’m providing a link to the Youth Festival by the Sea worship service. I’ve enjoyed designing the service for the past 21 years, so you’ll hear some familiar “Pullen” expressions. Along with the variety of choral anthems, you’ll hear a world music refrain, “Uyai Mose,” the hymn, “Bring Many Names,” the chant, “Be Still and Know,” and the new song sung for the past two Sundays in our livestream service: “When Pain or Sorrow are Too Much to Bear (Hold On).” The service expresses the timely idea that we can sing whether grateful, wondering, sorrowful, hopeful, or happy.

The following link is provided by the Providence Baptist Church Music Ministry, Charlotte, NC (Pullen’s own Bill Crouch’s father was pastor there for over 25 years). Though the video does not provide the fullness of sound we experienced live, I hope it connects you with our Youth Choir and the music they share. If you know one of the Pullen Youth Choir members, after listening, send them a note of encouragement during this time.

Youth Festival by the Sea worship link: https://www.facebook.com/PBCMM/videos/664177020986034/
You can download the Festival Worship Guide here.

Whether near or far apart, may a song remain!

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