



August 9, 2015

Singing as Worship:  
Building Christ's Body

**Welcome!**

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. Please join us in the Rainbow Room after worship for refreshments and fellowship.

# **We Gather in God's Hope**

*VU: Voices United*

*MV: More Voices*

## **Pre-worship Community Singing**

## **Welcome and Community Life**

### **Lighting the Christ Candle & Approach to Worship**

May our lives and our world be reawakened, as together  
we come alive to the wonder and surprises of this worship.

**We**

**So let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life  
in the present-ness of God.**

**Let us rejoice in the company of God's gathered people.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Gathering Hymn Let Us Build a House**

MV 1

### **Opening Prayer (in unison)**

**Most Holy God,**

**we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness.**

**We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today,  
refreshing and renewing and healing us**

**with the power of your loving Spirit,**

**that we may live with purpose and enthusiasm and courage  
after the manner of Jesus our Lord**

**and through your grace and blessed assurance.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Children's Time**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory.**

**For ever and ever. AMEN.**

## The Story Behind the Song

Song of Invitation Blessed Assurance

VU 337

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.**

*Refrain:*

**This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love**

*Refrain*

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love.**

*Refrain*

## Listening to God's Word of Hope

### Reading from the Scriptures

Jeremiah 31: 2-3, 10-14 (read responsively)

<sup>2</sup> Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest,

<sup>3</sup> **the Lord appeared to him from far away.  
I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.**

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

<sup>11</sup> **For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.**

- <sup>12</sup> They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.
- <sup>13</sup> **Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.**
- <sup>14</sup> I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the Lord.

Romans 12:1 - 13

This is the witness of God's Holy people to all generations  
**Thanks be to God**

**Meditation Theme:** Singing as Worship  
Part 2: Building Christ's Body

## Sharing God's Hope

### Invitation to Give Our Offerings

*Please remain seated until the last verse of the offertory hymn  
and then stand as the offering is presented.  
Donations made through PAR are included in the offering.*

\* **Offertory Song**      Grace      *by Michael W. Smith*  
*Please sing along if you wish*

**I was lost when You found me here  
You pulled me close and held me near  
And I'm a fool but still You love  
I'll be Your fool for the king of love**

**He gave me wings so I could fly  
And gave me a song to color the sky  
And all I have is all from You  
And all I want is all of You**

**It's takes your grace, your grace  
I'm nothing without You  
Your Grace, Your grace  
Shines on me**

**And there've been days when I've walked away  
Too much to carry, nothing left to say  
Forgive me Lord when I'm weak and lost  
You traded heaven for a wooden cross**

**And all these years You've carried me  
You've been my eyes when I could not see  
And beauty grows in the driving rain  
Your oil of gladness in the times of pain**

**Your grace, your grace  
I'm nothing without You  
Your Grace, Your grace  
Shines on me**

**Your grace, your grace  
I'm nothing without You  
Your Grace, your grace  
Shines on me, oh yeah**

**Shines on me, shines on me  
Your grace it shines on me  
Shines on me, shines on me  
It's Your grace**

**Shines on me, shines on me  
Your grace, it shines on me  
Shines on me, shines on me  
It's your grace**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Thank you, God, for the generosity that enables us to share.  
We are rich in many things. Help us to empty ourselves of  
pretense, even as we pour out gifts of gratitude.  
We dedicate our offerings and ourselves to shaping the  
community you intend, in the spirit of Christ.**

**Prayers of the People**

*Silence*

**Community Prayer**

# Living Hope in our City and World

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Sending Hymn Jesus Loves Me (new lyrics)

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
Though my hair is white as snow  
Though my sight is growing dim,  
Still He bids me trust in Him.

*Refrain*

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me; the Bible tells me so.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,  
with my hand in His I'll go.  
On through life, let come what may,  
He'll be there to lead the way. *Refrain*

When the nights are dark and long,  
in my heart He puts a song.  
Telling me in words so clear,  
"Have no fear, for I am near." *Refrain*

When my work on earth is done,  
and life's victories have been won,  
He will take me home above,  
Then I'll understand His love. *Refrain*

I love Jesus, does He know?  
Have I ever told Him so?  
Jesus loves to hear me say,  
that I love Him every day. *Refrain*

## Benediction

Thank you, Generous God,  
for nourishing and nurturing us,  
and for restoring our hope in your eternal community.  
We go as children of God  
to welcome and to serve every God-beloved life.  
We go as those who are forgiven and reconciled,  
to bring forgiveness and reconciliation wherever we may.  
We go in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## Postlude

## **Leadership in Worship this morning:**

Greeters & Ushers: Trinity volunteers  
Sound: SJR I.T. team  
Music Ministry: Alison Clark  
Worship Leader: Rev. Tiina Côté  
Nursery: Olivia C.  
Counters: Ed E.  
Gather'n Gab: Trinity's Hospitality Team

## **Announcements – All are Welcome!**

**Women's Spirituality Group** – all women are invited to bring a bag lunch and join Rev. Tiina in the parlour at St. James'-Rosemount from Noon until 2:00 pm every Wednesday in August. Study and discussions will be based on *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*.

**Reel Theology: Wednesday, August 19**, 5:45 to 9:00 p.m. - **Selma**  
Join us on the "C's (screened-in) deck" for potluck supper, movie and discussion. **Selma** chronicles Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dangerous campaign to secure equal voting rights in an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965. Potluck dinner at 6:00 pm; bbq'd meat entrée provided. Movie 6:45, followed by discussion. Please let us know you are coming & what you are bringing by signing up on our website (sjruc.ca) or by calling Jim/Teresa at 519-894-5757. All are welcome!

**Blessing of the Animals: *Pets, Bring Your People!*** All pets and their people are invited to join us for this annual outdoor service on the labyrinth at SJR, **Sunday, August 30 at 10:30 AM**. Plan to stay after the service for a delicious bbq brunch!

Stay tuned for **F.U.N. at SJR** beginning this fall ... no cell phones, tablets, laptops, Xbox, PlayStation, gidgets, gadgets, or other 'plugged in' devices necessary ... actually, none allowed ☺ .... Family-style dinner will be part of the evening. Set aside the worries of work, what to make for supper; combine that with fellowship & fun, at minimal cost. It's a win-win! Family of One? We'd love to have you join the **F.U.N.!** Family of 2 or 3 or ????. Come join the **F.U.N.!** Everyone is welcome!! Watch the bulletin and SJR's website for dates and details...and, just for **F.U.N.**, see if you can figure out what F.U.N. stands for. If you think you know, contact Jim or Teresa C.

## **Announcements for Trinity**

**Photo Directory at Trinity** - to book your appointment follow the link on our website (<http://tuckitchener.org>) to book appointments for August 11 (2 pm - 9 pm) and August 12 (11 am - 7 pm) or call the church office.

**Super September Sale: September 26**, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Visit our website ([tuckitchener.org](http://tuckitchener.org)) for a list of items we are collecting.  
**Items may be brought in to the chapel at Trinity during the summer on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
(unless otherwise arranged with a member of the planning team)  
For more information contact: Jane M. or Mary Ann P.

### **Announcements for SJR**

**Membership Transfer Sunday: September 6** during the 10:30 a.m. service. If anyone would like their membership transferred to St. James'~Rosemount United Church please contact the church office.

**It's time for a New Church Photo Directory at SJR!** Sittings available August 24 to 27. Sign-up on-line at [sjruc.ca](http://sjruc.ca) or contact Steve W.

**Check the Book Cellar** for more summer reading! The Rose Room, (next to the Rainbow Room kitchen) hosts a "Book Cellar". Choose any title for \$1. Take as many as you like - Happy Reading!

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#### **For Pastoral Care Emergencies from August 1 to August 25:**

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#### **Church Office Summer Hours:**

**Trinity:** Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**SJR:** Office closed until August 25<sup>th</sup>. Voice mail and email monitored.



*We Share The Air!*  
**SJR is a smoke-free & fragrance-free facility.**